



DNR Reports . . . by Glenn Therres

Peregrine Falcons disappeared as a nesting bird in the mountains of Western Maryland in the early 1950s. They nested primarily on cliffs along the Potomac River. Organochlorine pesticides, such as DDT, in use at that time caused reproductive failure of nesting attempts and the peregrine population declined due to lack of new birds coming into the population. By the 1960s, Peregrine Falcons had been extirpated as a breeding species east of the Mississippi River.

Collaborative efforts to reintroduce Peregrine Falcons in the eastern United States were undertaken in the 1970s by the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, The Peregrine Fund, and several state wildlife agencies, including the Maryland DNR. In the New England states, peregrines were reintroduced to traditional cliff sites successfully. In the mid Atlantic states, including Maryland, young peregrines were hacked from special towers on the coastal plain and not in the mountains. It was believed that the greater abundance of prey species and lack of Great Horned Owls would result in the establishment of nesting peregrines. It worked (sort of)! We were able to establish nesting pairs on special towers, bridges, and buildings in Maryland, Virginia, New Jersey, Delaware, New York City, and eastern Pennsylvania. Last year, twelve such pairs nested in Maryland. However, we were not able to establish nesting pairs at their traditional cliff sites by releasing young on the flat lands. Maybe they do not recognize natural cliffs as nesting habitat.

Through another collaborative effort, we will be attempting to establish nesting Peregrine Falcons to the mountains of Maryland. The partners in this effort include the National Park Service, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries, the Center for Conservation Biology at the College of William & Mary, Dominion Power Company, and DNR. The plan is to hack young peregrines this year on the cliffs at Maryland Heights, which is on the Harper's Ferry National Historical Park property. It is an historic nesting site for Maryland peregrines.

Hacking will be accomplished by placing nestling peregrines, incapable of flight, into a large nest box for a few weeks until they fledge. The box will be placed on the cliff face well above the Potomac River. The young will be wild-produced from sites on the Eastern Shore of Maryland and coastal plain sites in Virginia. One young will be taken from multiple-chick nests, allowing the nesting adults to raise their clutches minus one young. The nestlings will be fed by hack site atten-

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The President's Column by Karen Morley



As I write this, tax time is rapidly approaching and my brain is filled with income and expenses, donations and deductions, assets and liabilities. In order to avoid thinking about my own finances, I thought this would be a good time to talk to you about the financial situation of MOS.

Due to responsible fiscal management by past Officers and Boards of Directors, as well as generous bequests and donations from our members, MOS has grown from a small organization of local birders to a Statewide organization with assets of over \$1.5 million. And that does **not** include the real estate value of our sanctuaries! That puts a lot of responsibility on the current Officers and Board—to make sound decisions on how to invest the money and how to use it for worthwhile and appropriate purposes.

Having such substantial assets means we have to be even more careful in their management. We are now at the point where, under Maryland law, we must have a professional audit of our books (very expensive!). I have told you in the past about the need for a comprehensive survey of the state of our sanctuaries—we are in the process of having their real estate value appraised (also expensive!) and look forward to the environmental surveys MD Partners in Flight is preparing for our larger properties.

In addition, it is my "New Millennium" goal to leave this organization on a secure and reliable foundation for the future as well as making MOS financial operations rational and comprehensible to everyone. The Budget Committee, Gifts Committee, Investment Committee, and Treasurer are all working to understand our past financial decisions and operations, and that's not always easy to do in a volunteer organization with the long history of MOS. Sally Ann Waldschmidt has spent many hours reading past years' minutes to understand where our gifts came from and how they were spent. Mark Hoffman is working with investment brokers to help us

make good decisions for our endowments and general operating accounts. Treasurer Shiras Guion, now that the books are computerized, is working to clean up and organize the various accounts—you would be amazed at how many little pockets of money have been stashed away for long-completed (and often long-forgotten) projects.

However, even though MOS has a lot of assets, we are not a rich organization, and in fact, are barely breaking even. As you know, the majority of MOS assets are invested in specific endowment funds - for sanctuaries, research, scholarship, education, and the Breeding Bird Atlas. The income from these endowments is used to fund the activities of those committees during the fiscal year. Because of the very large amount of money needed for the Atlas, the Board committed to use the income from the recent Georgetta Schenkel bequest to supplement the Atlas Endowment income this year. When the Atlas work really gets rolling in 2002, we hope that outside fund raising and grants will be able to take over some of the expense of this effort. Our main financial problem is in what I call our "core" annual income—income from your dues, as well as from the interest from

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September-October Calendar Activities:
July 25, 2001

All Other Submissions:
August 1, 2001

THE PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

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our operating account (generally unallocated monies invested in savings and stock). We do collect some additional income from the Environmental Fund for Maryland, MOS sales items, and the World Series of Birding, but I am not including that income in our "core" as in the past we have generally designated it for specific purposes, not to pay for our "core activities."

And what are our "core" activities? They are the ones that are not covered by endowments and that form the backbone of our annual expenses: MOS publications: **MD Birdlife**, **Yellowthroat**, and the postage to get them to you; Administrative and General Expenses of the Officers and Committees; Office Supplies; Telephones; Executive Secretary's stipend; Climate-controlled Storage Facility; Liability Insurance; and Audit and Tax Preparation. If you add up our estimated "core" income for 2001 (\$24,000) and compare it to our proposed "core" expenses (\$34,000) you'll see that we don't balance. And as a further breakdown, the publications expenses (\$16,000) are almost the same as our estimated dues income for 2001 (\$17,000), so that's essentially what you get

for your dues. Now, don't panic, MOS has sources of funds to supplement these figures this year and, hopefully, we won't need a full audit of our books every year....but I wanted you to see where we stand on the basic activities and services we provide our members. It's been 11 years since we last increased our dues. MOS dues are very low compared to the other environmental and ornithological organizations many of us belong to. I know many chapters are also feeling constrained by rising costs and are thinking about dues increases as well. None of us wants higher dues and we will strive to avoid that but I do want you to know that our core costs for printing, postage, and other expenses continue to rise each year while our income has generally been, at best, holding constant.

In the next few months we have some serious thinking to do about future funding of our activities and the use and allocation of our assets. The work of the Long Range Planning Committee will help us in this effort. As I said it's all part of my "Millennium Goal"—to leave this organization on a secure and reliable foundation for the future. Please contact me if you have any suggestions.....or want to help out!

How MOS Members and Chapters Can Help Support the MD Yellowthroats

- Make an individual pledge or fixed contribution.
- Ask your chapter to make a pledge or fixed contribution.
- Solicit pledges and fixed contributions from friends, neighbors and family members.
- Talk to neighborhood businesses, that may be interested in supporting the program. Remember to tell them that major supporters receive free advertising on our MOS State Web Site.

MOS 2001 World Series of Birding Pledge Form

Name: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Telephone: _____ E-Mail: _____

____ My contribution of \$_____ to the MOS World Series of Birding Team is enclosed.

____ My pledge of \$_____ per species seen (expected to range between 150 and 200 species, we will contact you with the actual count by May 31).

Please mail this pledge form (and your check made payable to the Maryland Ornithological Society if you are making an outright contribution) to: Norm Saunders, 1261 Cavendish Drive, Colesville, MD 20905-7030. Pledges may also be submitted to Norm via e-mail at: marshhawk@worldnet.att.net

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dants in such a way that the young do not associate people with food. After the young fledge, they will have to learn to hunt on their own. Supplemental food will be provided. Two of the young will be equipped with transmitters that can be tracked by satellite to monitor movements and eventual migration (if any).

Similar efforts are being conducted at Shenandoah National Park in Virginia. The hope is to hack enough young Peregrine Falcons in the central Appalachians over the next few years to re-establish a nesting population of peregrines at traditional cliff sites.

If all works well, in two to three years a few pairs of peregrines will take up residency on Maryland cliffs and raise young. Hopefully, the release of young peregrines at Maryland Heights, this year, will be a big step in returning nesting Peregrine Falcons to the mountains of Western Maryland.

ANNOUNCEMENTS TO MEMBERS**MD/DC Atlas Coordinator Position
Opening Up**

MOS will be looking for a few good applicants for the Maryland Breeding Bird Atlas Coordinator position. Active recruiting will take place later this Fall, between September 15 and October 15, 2001. A full announcement, including the length of the appointment, qualification requirements, a detailed job description, salary range, and application procedures will appear in the September 2001 issue of *MD Yellowthroat*. Get your résumé in order if you think you might be interested in this challenging position!

**New Members Named to MD/DC Records
Committee**

Beginning three-year terms are the following individuals: **Jonathan Alderfer**, a renowned birding field guide artist and former resident of California. Living in the District of Columbia for the past four years, Jonathan was the Art Consultant and General Consultant for the third edition of the **National Geographic Field Guide to the Birds of North America**. **Paul O'Brien**, one of Maryland's top listers. Paul has been a long-time associate of the Records Committee in both member and research positions. **Bob Ringler**, also a long-time top Maryland lister. Bob is a former President of MOS and co-author of the **Field List of the Birds of Maryland** (the "yellow book") and has previously served as the editor of "The Changing Seasons" report in the MOS journal, **Maryland Birdlife**.

They will join these continuing members: With one year of term remaining, Patty Craig, Mark Hoffman, and Sherman Suter. With two years of term remaining, Rick Blom, Marshall Iliff, and Fran Pope.

MOS 2001 Scholarship Winners*by Jean Fry*

Chapter presidents and scholarship representatives are to be commended this year for doing an excellent job of recruiting twenty-six candidates for the annual MOS scholarships to Audubon summer camps and workshops. Twelve individuals have been awarded scholarships to camps in Maine and Minnesota. The camps in Wyoming and Connecticut are closed this year for repairs and renovations.

Newcomers to MOS will notice that most of our scholarships are endowed by various individuals. We plan an article in the September 2001 MD Yellowthroat to remind our long-time members and inform our newer members about who these people were/are and how they fit in with the Maryland Ornithological Society.

Orville Crowder Scholarship (administered by Audubon Naturalist Society)
Bird Migration and Conservation, Maine
Ray Bivens, Queen Anne's County
Park Naturalist, Tuckahoe State Park
Complex

Chandler Robbins Scholarship
Maine Field Ornithology
Alice Nemitsas, Frederick County
Park Naturalist, Fountain Rock Park

Eleanor Robbins Scholarship
Maine Field Ornithology
Nancy Adamson, Caroline County
Education Programmer, Adkins Arboretum

World Series of Birding Scholarship
Maine Field Ornithology
Diane McIntosh, Cecil County
Naturalist, Elk Neck State Park

Dan and Helen Gibson-Dorothy Mendinhal
Scholarship
(awarded by Kent County club to an
Eastern Shore applicant)
Maine Field Ornithology
Geoffrey Kibler, Talbot County
Outdoor Education Coordinator, Pickering
Creek Audubon Center

Helen Miller Scholarship
Environmental Education Workshop,
Audubon Center of the North Woods,
Minnesota
Darryl Calloway, Queen Anne's County
Teacher, Sudlersville Middle School

Helen Miller Scholarship
Natural History of the Maine Coast
Freda McMillan, Montgomery County
Teacher, Second Grade, and Science Liason,
Fallsmead Elementary School

Helen Miller Scholarship
Bird Migration and Conservation Camp,
Maine
Eric Savage, Garrett County
Naturalist, Savage River Complex

Doris Oakley Scholarship
Maine Field Ornithology
Terry Westhead, Baltimore County
Weekend Naturalist, Marshy Point Nature
Center; Assistant Naturalist, Oregon Ridge
Nature Center

Doris Oakley Scholarship
Maine Field Ornithology
Susan Madden, Anne Arundel County
Teacher, Fourth Grade Science,
Davidsonville Elementary School

Doris Oakley Scholarship
Maine Field Ornithology
Terry Covington, Baltimore County
Naturalist, Marshy Point Nature Center

Frances Covington-Etta Wedge Scholarship
Natural History of the Maine Coast (coastal
ecology)
Karen Cifranick, Harford County
Teacher, Environmental Education, Harford
Glen Environmental Education Center

*NOTE: Scholarship winners are **not** listed in the
order in which their applications were ranked.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS (Continued)

Retiring this year after completing their three-year terms are Sam Dyke, Gail Mackiernan, and Michael O'Brien. Special accolades must go to retiring Committee Chairman Harvey Mudd, who has served as Chair for the past several years and has invested a great deal of time in the research of historical records and the refinement of the committee's goals and processes. He has made major contributions to the committee.

The Committee proposed Paul O'Brien as the new Chairman and this proposal was quickly approved by President Karen Morley. Paul

has served as the Chair of the Outreach Subcommittee for the past two years.

MOS License Plate Reminder

You may have been wondering how to get a set of those spiffy MOS license plates for your car. Surely you have had pangs of envy as you visited those hot birding spots across the state and observed the parking lot crowded full of vehicles with MOS plates. If you wish to join the crowd please request an MVA application from Larry Fry, MOS Executive Secretary at 410-452-8539 or e-mail him at ffryjl@aol.com.



Harford Chapter Loses a Friend and a Long-time Active Member

— John Wortman died March 5 at his Havre de Grace home. He was a retired mathematician who worked on the early days of the space program and was one of the first scientists who programmed the early ordnance computer. He was an avid, lifetime birder. He planned and led bird walks, counts, and banding exercises. David Seitz says, "He had been bird-watching all his life, and he could look at a bird and say, 'That's a Savanna Sparrow.'" Larry Fry adds, "John was a kind, gentle man who will be greatly missed. He was an excellent birder, wildflower expert, teacher, leader, and friend." He also volunteered at the Harford Glen Environmental Center in Bel Air, where he taught bird recognition to fifth-graders. He was named the Harford County Salvation Army's Volunteer of the Year in 1998 and he also gave time to Grace Place, a local food kitchen. He was born in Oregon and worked on a ranch, riding horses and branding cattle. He flew 21 missions over Germany in a Flying Fortress in World War II. In lieu of flowers, his family suggested contributions to the Harford Chapter. Checks payable to Harford County MOS may be sent to Joyce Gorsuch, treasurer, Harford County MOS, 726 Loveville Rd., #409, Hockessin, DE 19077-1508.

In Memory of Henry Bielstein, Montgomery Chapter — Don Messersmith, Paul DuMont, Lola Oberman, Dick Homan, and John Bjerke contributed a memorial to Henry Bielstein, who served the chapter as frequent trip leader, program speaker, newsletter editor, director, vice-president, and president. He died in December 2000 and was buried in Arlington National cemetery. An avid birder, he began leading walks for the Chapter in the mid-1970s. He was well known for the trips he made to Cape Henlopen through Ocean City almost every February or March from 1981 to 1994. He also led trips to Bombay Hook NWR and Little Creek WMA, DE, almost every winter from 1983 to 1993, often co-leading with Paul DuMont. These trips famously began at the Hollywood Diner in Dover, where Henry breakfasted on chipped beef and grits. A physician with the Air Force, Henry traveled frequently to Cape Canaveral, where he participated in studies of the effects of weightlessness on astronauts. He was a train lover and was president of the local train enthusiasts for many years, as well as a dedicated subscriber to the National Symphony Orchestra.

Anneke Davis Receives Conservation Award — Baltimore Bird Club member Anneke Davis was honored by the Irvine Natural Science Center as an individual "who has made significant contributions to environmental education and conservation in Maryland." She was presented with the 15th Annual Olivia Irvine Dodge Conservation Award in August. The award stated, "Anneke Davis has been immersed in the environment since a very early age...She teaches nature photography and has done photographic exhibits including one on the numerous water quality problems of the Jones Falls. That production helped serve as the impetus for today's enormous focus on the Jones Falls. Anneke became the president of the Baltimore Environmental Center and editor of their newsletter, the Beacon...She has served as the conservation chair of the Baltimore Bird Club and the Maryland Ornithological Society...Today Anneke's greatest involvement is with the Maryland Conservation Council, where she serves as vice-chairman for publications and is the editor of the Conservation Report, their weekly legislative newsletter."

Kent Chapter Receives Bequest — The Kent County Chapter recently received a \$5,000 bequest from the estate of Constance Stuart Larrabee, who died in June of 2000. Mrs. Larrabee was a renowned

local photographer, who served as a war correspondent/photographer in World War II. The bequest is in the memory of her friend and colleague, Dr. Daniel Z. Gibson, late President of Washington College. Dr. Gibson and his young son, Dan Jr., established the Kent County Chapter in 1953, making it one of the very early chapters of MOS. Dan Gibson, Jr. is now a field biologist with the University of Alaska in Fairbanks. Pat Wilson, president of the Kent Chapter, reports that the Club is grateful for the gift, and will work diligently to use the funds to honor the past contributions of Dr. Gibson, and to affirm Mrs. Larrabee's generosity.

Montgomery Chapter Member's Book of Poetry is Published

Doris Brody, a Montgomery County Chapter Director, has written a book of poems, "Judging the Distance," which will be published and distributed in April. According to the publisher (Word Works Capital Collection), "The poet's affinity for birds and nature leads us from familiar backyards to exotic jungles in intimate explorations of the human wilderness." Doris says some of her poems were triggered by bird trips to Central America, Mexico, and North America. Although her poems have been published in various small magazines over the years, this is her first book. Copies can be ordered through the publisher's website, <http://www.wordworksdcc.com>, or from the River Road Unitarian Church Book Store at 301-229-0400.

Howard Member Brings Home the Pandas — Lisa Stevens, Senior Curator of Animal Programs at the Smithsonian National Zoological Park, went to China on November 28, 2000 to bring Tian Tian and Mei Xiang, a pair of giant pandas, to Washington as part of a 10 year loan. They were born in captivity at the China Research and Conservation Center for the Giant Panda in Wolong Nature Reserve. Funds of 10 million dollars provided by corporate and individual donors will aid conservation programs in China directed toward preserving the remaining mountain forests of central China, home to pandas as well as other endangered species. The trip's purpose was to collect data on the pandas in their home and to prepare them for the shipment. All of the logistics of crating and transport had to be worked out in advance. Tian Tian and Mei Xiang were introduced to T&MX, a prepared leaf-eater biscuit which would be added to their diet in the U.S. Lisa reports that "there was not much time for birding, however on a few mornings I arose early and hiked the frost and mist laden trails framed by steep ridges and cascading streams and waterfalls. Rufous-vented Tits frequented the pines and White Wagtails and Red-billed Magpie were frequently seen around the research center." On an early trip in June and July of 2000 to Wolong and Tangjiahe Reserves, she saw Plumbeous Redstart, River Redstart, Blue-whistling Thrush, Chinese Babax, Brown-capped Fulvetta, Green-backed Tit, Large-billed Crow, and Crested Kingfisher. On December 6, Lisa traveled with Tian Tian and Mei Xiang on a Fed Ex cargo flight from Chengdu to Washington. She reports that the pandas were excellent travelers and have settled into their new home easily. "They enjoy our D.C. bamboo and consume together about 100 lbs. daily." The program documenting her journey aired April 22 on Animal Planet. Be sure to check for reruns and look for Lisa.

Cecil's Turkey Point Makes the Big Time — The Hawk Migration Association of North America (HMANA) noted Turkey Point in its Fall 1999 *Flyway Reports*. Data from the Turkey Point observations sponsored by the Cecil Chapter is included and the spot is mapped on page 34, the Eastern Flyway South Region Locations. The 1999 season was an historical high and Turkey Point was in the top 10 South Eastern sites for: most migrants per hour, and most total migrants excluding broadwings and vultures and most migrants per hour excluding broadwings and vultures. MOS birders who have devoted so much time and effort to Turkey Point are deservedly thrilled by this recognition.

Allegany County Hosts Fall Banquet — The annual Allegany Chapter Fall banquet was held Nov. 11th with 63 people in attendance

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Conservation Notes From All Over by Maureen F. Harvey



The Conservation Connection

MOS Submits Opinion on Mute Swan Management: The official MOS response to MD DNR's request for comments on the Mute Swan Task Force Report, based on opinions expressed by chapters and individual members of the MOS, is that **DNR should eliminate mute swans from Maryland by whatever means necessary.** The full text follows:

February 28, 2001

Mute Swan Management Plan
MD DNR Wildlife & Heritage Division
580 Taylor Ave., E-1
Annapolis, MD 21401

Re: Comment on the Mute Swan Task Force Recommendations

Dear Sirs,

The Maryland Ornithological Society (MOS) was founded in 1945 as a nonprofit, statewide organization of people who are interested in birds and nature. Incorporated in 1946, the MOS promotes the study, enjoyment, appreciation, and conservation of birds and their habitats. MOS currently has 15 chapters spread across the state. Our members represent nearly every social and economic group in the state, from housewives and students to executives, from teachers and farmers to internationally recognized ornithologists and ecologists. *Maryland Birdlife*, the quarterly journal of the MOS, is a scholarly publication covering the status of birds and their habitat in Maryland. The MOS sponsors a research grant program aimed at supporting studies of birds and bird habitats in and around Maryland. An active scholarship program offers educators and others who work with young people the opportunity to attend programs in ornithology and ecology. MOS is active in conservation efforts at the national, state and local levels. We have been active partners for over eight years in the Maryland Teaming With Wildlife Initiative and have taken a lead role in attempts to get on-going permanent funding for non-game wildlife. We have testified often before the State Legislature on many statewide issues of concern, and will continue to do so.

Today I am writing on behalf of MOS to express our very significant concern regarding the rapidly expanding population of non-native mute swans in Maryland and to comment on the Mute Swan Task Force (MSTF) recommendations. First, we commend the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) for the time and effort it has spent over the last few years researching the problem, compiling the very considerable evidence regarding the seriousness of the problem, and establishing the MSTF. We recognize that DNR knows these birds are a serious problem to the increasingly fragile habitat of the Chesapeake Bay, and has been taking limited, but essentially ineffectual actions, to manage their impact on the region. We also note that other states in the region and across the country have been taking action to manage this invasive species. Their experience should prove valuable to DNR.

Second, we are not going to restate the obvious environmental and economic problems that these birds cause. These problems are well documented in the MSTF report and in the Record of Public Comment on the issue, including comments from the Chesapeake Bay Foundation (September 25, 2000) and the South River Foundation (September 18, 2000).

Third, DNR has spent enough time and money on research and surveys. This species is not just becoming a problem - it is already a very severe problem. It's time for meaningful and effective action.

Because the state has waited so long to deal effectively and aggressively with this invasive species, the problem has become of enormous magnitude and only drastic measures will work.

Finally, before addressing the recommendations of the MSTF individually, the MOS position regarding mute swans is:

DNR should eliminate mute swans from Maryland by whatever means necessary. While DNR personnel should try to manage mute swans with non-lethal methods, when such methods prove to be ineffective, lethal methods, including establishing a hunting season, should be considered. This should be accompanied by a strong public education campaign on the issue.

Issue #1: Mute Swans are Inherently Valuable. We disagree. Why would people think they are valuable? Because they are beautiful? To whom? While they may be esthetically pleasing to some human beings, they are not a beautiful animal to the other plant and animal species being destroyed by them....and that is well documented in the MSTF report. No further research on this issue is needed. Broad public education on the issue is needed. There is adequate information in the record upon which to base this educational outreach effort. The place to maintain non-native species is in a Zoo.

Issue #2: Mute Swans Impact Native Wildfowl Habitats. We agree and are extremely concerned about this impact. The whole state should be a "Mute Swan Free Zone." The record adequately supports this conclusion.

Issue #3: Mute Swans Impact Water Quality. We are very concerned about this problem. However, they cannot impact it if they are not here.

Issue #4: There is a Lack of Public Information on Mute Swans. We agree and support a major public education effort. See our comment to Issue #1.

Issue #5: Mute Swans Can Conflict with Humans. The record and public comments support this. Removal of mute swans from the state would eliminate potential conflict with humans.

Issue #6: The Population of Mute Swans in Maryland is an Issue. The mute swans are already a very serious issue. The MSTF recommendations are not adequate or acceptable. The birds should be eradicated in the state.

Issue #7. The Legal Status of Mute Swans is an Issue. We agree with this recommendation. Mute swans should remain "Wetland Game Birds," giving DNR the broadest authority to manage them.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the recommendations of the MSTF. We realize this is a very sensitive issue, but one that is of critical importance in the days and years to come. It is already very very late in the game and we feel it is imperative to take concrete actions now to prevent further degradation of the Chesapeake Bay.

Sincerely yours,
Karen Morley
President
Maryland Ornithological Society, Inc.

cc: Governor Parris Glendening

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MOS ACTIVITIES — MAY/AUGUST 2001

Tuesday, May 1

FIELD TRIP. Baltimore. Lake Roland. Meet at 9:00 a.m. at the footbridge in Robert E. Lee Park. Note: possible bridge construction may cause spring walks to be relocated. For further information, contact the leader, Shirley Geddes, at 410-377-6583.

MEETING. Baltimore. "Breeding Birds of Soldier's Delight" by Jack Wennerstrom, author of "Soldier's Delight Journal: Exploring a Globally Rare Ecosystem" Discusses the serpentine barrens natural environment area and its special birds, flora and fauna. This talk is coupled with a field trip to the site Sunday May 6 with him so we can see Soldier's Delight for ourselves. 7:30 p.m. at Cylburn Mansion.

FIELD TRIP. Montgomery. Seneca Creek State Park-Gaithersburg for migrant and nesting birds of woods and water. Moderate walking. Last year at this time, the leader identified 17 warblers within one hour! Meet at 7:00 a.m. at Riffle Ford Road (**not at park entrance**). Limited to 8 people. For further information, reservations and directions, contact the leader, Andy Rabin, at 301-216-1524.

Wednesday, May 2

FIELD TRIP. Baltimore. First Wednesdays at Ft. McHenry. Monthly survey of bird activity at the wetland. Folding chair and telescope useful. Cancelled in bad weather (high winds, fog, rain). Meet 9:30 a.m. at Fort McHenry. From the entrance, the wetlands are to the right. Meet just past the statue of Orpheus. Coordinators Gail Frantz 410-833-7135, guineabird@aol.com, and Catherine Bishop, 410-435-9569.

MEETING. Carroll. "A Harvey Surprise" by Dave Harvey. Meet 7:30 p.m. at Carroll Community College, Westminster. For more info, call Laura Tarbell at 410-857-1109.

FIELD TRIP. Montgomery. Huntley Meadows County Park, VA. For seniors, juniors and "in-betweens." Sixth annual intergenerational trip to a perennially popular birding spot. Warblers, marsh birds, possible raptors. Meet 8:00 a.m. at the Nature Center parking lot off of Lockheed Boulevard. For further information, contact the leader, Luther Goldman, at 301-474-1240.

Thursday, May 3

MEETING. Frederick. Gail McKiernan will show a video and slide presentation on Birding in South Africa. Gale and friends spent 26 days in South Africa on an amazing birding trip. Meet in the Frederick High School Music Room at 7:30 p.m.

MEETING. Joint Social Gathering with Talbot, Caroline and Kent County chapters. "Adventures of editing BIRDS OF NORTH AMERICA" presented by Dr. Alan Poole. The location is Adkins Arboretum. For directions, call the Arboretum at 410-634-2847. Tour of the Arboretum begins at 6 p.m. Program begins at 7:30 p.m.

Friday, May 4

MEETING. Anne Arundel. "Birding ... Falkland Islands, South Georgia and Antarctica" by Daphne Gemmill. 8:00 p.m. at the DNR Conference Room, Tawes Building, corner of Taylor Avenue and Rowe Boulevard, Annapolis.

MEETING. Harford. Dan Coates and Bill McIntyre of the Archeological Society of Northern Chesapeake will present a slide/lecture program featuring various sites and artifacts of Harford County. Meet at 6:15 p.m. at Churchville Presbyterian Church, MD 22 & MD 136. For further information, call 410-692-9305.

FIELD TRIP. Montgomery. Pennyfield Lock for migrant and nesting landbirds. Meet at the end of Pennyfield Lock Road at 7 a.m. For further information and reservations, contact the leaders, Cyndie Loeper at 301-530-8226 or Ann Lucy at 301-229-8810.

Saturday-Sunday, May 5-6

FIELD TRIP. Anne Arundel. Great Dismal Swamp NWR, VA. Two day trip to a unique habitat. For further information, contact the leader, Peter Hanan at 410-721-2658.

Saturday, May 5

FIELD TRIP. Baltimore. Milford Mill Park. For migrant warblers, thrushes and other songbirds; Wilson's Warbler possible. Meet at 7:30

a.m. at the park entrance. For further information, contact the leaders, Simon Calle, at 410-561-5940, or Lenny Marcus, at 410-494-0304.

FIELD TRIP. Baltimore. Soldiers Delight Chorus of Whip-poor-wills at dusk.. Meet 7:30 p.m. at the historical marker. For further information, contact the leader, Pete Webb, at 410-486-1217.

BIRD WALK. Caroline. Tuckahoe State Park. Meet at the parking lot west of the dam at 7:00 a.m.. For more information, call the leader, Steve Westre, at 410-479-0338 or email - swes@dmv.com.

FIELD TRIP. Cecil. The Seasons at Fair Hill - Spring. Meet at 8:00 a.m. at the Fair Hill Nature Center Covered Bridge Parking Lot. 1/2 day. For further information, contact the leader, Marcia Whitmyre, at 410-398-0125.

FIELD TRIP. Frederick. Strawberry Hill Nature Center and Preserve in Fairfield, PA for spring migrants. Meet at 7:30 a.m. at the Culler Lake Boathouse in Baker Park. For information contact Linda Keller at 301-834-7312 or Beth Zang at 301-371-7936.

FIELD TRIP. Harford. Sweet Air. Join trip leader Mark Johnson on a morning walk through the Sweet Air area of Gunpowder Falls State Park. Northern and Louisiana Waterthrushes, Black and White Warbler and Rose-breasted Grosbeaks are the targeted species. Meet at the parking area on Dalton-Bevard Road at 6:30 a.m. Contact Mark Johnson at 410-692-5978 for further details.

FIELD TRIP. Howard. Howard County Listers BIG DAY. Intensive all day search to list as many birds as possible in Howard County. Will move at a very fast pace. Bring food and drink to eat on the run. Be prepared to carpool and extended walking. Bring multiple footwear for all conditions. Must commit to the entire day to participate (pre-dawn to dusk). Details will be sent to interested parties. The leaders are Bonnie Ott and Jo Solem. For further information, call Bonnie at 410-461-3361.

Sunday, May 6

FIELD TRIP. Baltimore. Cylburn Self-guided Walk. Meet 8:00 a.m. at the front porch of Cylburn Mansion. For further information, call coordinator Joe Lewandowski at 410-358-7834 or ilenel@juno.com.

FIELD TRIP. Baltimore. Soldier's Delight Pine Barrens. Jack Wennerstrom, author of "Soldier's Delight Journal: Exploring a Globally Rare Ecosystem" will explore the birds, flora and fauna of Soldier's Delight during this 3 hour walk. As preparation for this walk, be sure to attend Jack's May 1, 7:30 p.m. lecture at Cylburn. For further information, contact Gail Frantz, at 410-833-7135 or guineabird@aol.com.

FIELD TRIP. Harford. Rock Run Mill. An early morning search for arriving warblers and vireos. A good day can produce over twenty warbler species. Yellow-throated Warblers, Black-and-white Warblers, and Warbling Vireo can be expected. Meet at the Rock Run Mill in Susquehanna State Park at 6:30 a.m. For more information, contact leader Rick Cheicante at 410-803-2712.

FIELD TRIP. Howard. Lake Elkhorn. Walk the paved path around the lake. This is the height of migration and many warblers should be found. Baltimore and Orchard Orioles expected. Meet at 7:30 a.m. For further information, contact the leader, Darius Ecker, at 410-321-9165.

FIELD TRIP. Montgomery. Little Bennett Park. Migrants and local nesters in area of varied habitats. Reservations required. For reservations and directions, contact the leader, Sally Ann Waldschmidt, at 301-460-5841.

Monday, May 7

FIELD TRIP. Montgomery. Flag Ponds, Calvert County. Excellent area for landbird migrants and breeders, including warblers. Leader at Flag Ponds will be Arlene Ripley. Reservations required. For details and directions, contact the leaders, Lydia Schindler at 301-977-5252 or Linda Friedland at 301-983-2136.

Tuesday, May 8

FIELD TRIP. Baltimore. Lake Roland. Meet at 9:00 a.m. at the footbridge in Robert E. Lee Park. Note: possible bridge construction may

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cause spring walks to be relocated. For further information, contact the leader, Ruth Culbertson, at 410-825-1379.

MEETING. Kent. "Identify Spring Warblers by Sight and Song" by Dr. Pete Webb. 7:30 p.m. at the Kent County Library, Chestertown. For more information, contact Gail Register at 410-778-9367.

Wednesday, May 9

FIELD TRIP. Harford. Rock Run Mill. The last of three walks at Susquehanna State Park. Warblers, vireos, thrushes, orioles and tanagers can be seen. Meeting time is 7:00 a.m. at the Rock Run Mill. For more information, contact leader Phil Powers at 410-679-4116.

FIELD TRIP. Montgomery. Accotink Bay Wildlife Refuge. Second chapter trip to this gem of a refuge located within Ft. Belvoir, VA. Landbird migrants and breeders in variety of delightful habitats. Some nearby fast-food places along Rt. 1 available for lunch after the trip. The leader is Ken Hollinga. For starting place and time (will be very early a.m., to avoid worst of traffic), directions to refuge. No number limit but reservations required. Leader: Mike Bowen at 301-530-5764.

Thursday, May 10

FIELD TRIP. Harford. Rocks State Park. Join trip leader Tom Congersky (410-676-6489) on a spring visit to Rocks State Park. Target species include warblers; Ovenbird, Northern Parula, Kentucky and Worm-eating. Scarlet Tanagers, Orioles and Thrushes should also be present. Meet at the park office, 3318 Rocks Chrome Hill Road at 8:00 a.m.

Meeting. Howard. "Fall in Manitoba: Birds, Polar Bears and More" by Ralph Geuder. Programs are held at Longfellow Elementary School, 5470 Hesperus Drive, Columbia. Hospitality session and club book store at 7:30 p.m. Meeting/Program begins at 8:00 p.m. For further information contact Don Waugh at 410-381-8841.

FIELD TRIP. Montgomery. Patuxent River Park Drift Boat Trip. (Joint ANS trip). Peak migration time for songbirds; also marsh and waterbirds. Waterproof footwear and insect repellent advisable. Watch ANS News for directions to park. Meet at 6:30 a.m. at entrance gate to park. \$4 per participant Patuxent Park program fee will be collected. For further information and reservations, contact the leader, Paul DuMont, at 703-931-8994.

MEETING. Montgomery. "Birds of the Falkland Islands, South Georgia, and Antarctica" by Daphne Gemmill, Montgomery County Chapter, MOS. 7:30 p.m. at the Potomac Presbyterian Church, 10301 River Road, Potomac, MD.

Saturday, May 12

FIELD TRIP. Baltimore. Cromwell Valley Park. A series of walks co-sponsored by the Wild Bird Center. Diverse habitats include a stream, a pond, woods and fields. Meet at 8:00 a.m. at the "Willow Grove Farm" Information Kiosk in the park off Cromwell Bridge Road 1.5 miles north of I-695 Beltway exit 29A. For further information, contact the leader, Jim Meyers, at 410-435-2008.

FIELD TRIP. Montgomery. Little Bennett Park. Near peak migration for warblers, vireos and breeders in this varied habitat. For reservations, time and place to meet, contact the leader Gemma Radko at 301-607-4370.

Sunday, May 13

FIELD TRIP. Anne Arundel. North Tract Patuxent Wildlife Refuge for Whippoorwills, warblers & other migrants Meet at 6:30 a.m. Meeting location and leader TBA.

FIELD TRIP. Baltimore. Cylburn Self-guided Walk. Meet 8:00 a.m. at the front porch of Cylburn Mansion. For further information, call coordinator Joe Lewandowski at 410-358-7834 or ilenel@juno.com.

FIELD TRIP. Baltimore. Soldier's Delight Pine Barrens with an emphasis on birds. One of Baltimore county's most unique areas with a variety of birds which include nesting: Chats, Prairie warblers, Field Sparrows, possible Summer Tanager and many other species. Meet at 8:00 a.m. at the Blockbuster parking lot on Groff's Mill in Owings Mills. For further information, contact the leader, Joe McDaniel, at 410-356-3820 or jrmcdaniel@home.com.

Tuesday, May 15

FIELD TRIP. Baltimore. Lake Roland. Meet at 9:00 a.m. at the foot-bridge in Robert E. Lee Park. Note: possible bridge construction may cause spring walks to be relocated. For further information, contact the leader, Mac Plant, at 410-532-2445.

Saturday, May 19

FIELD TRIP. Anne Arundel. Smithsonian Environmental Research Center, Anne Arundel County. Canoeing and spring warblers in a pristine setting. Meet at 7:00 a.m. at the Parole Park & Ride lot located off Harry Truman Parkway. For further information, contact the leader, Paul Fofonoff, at 410-867-7971.

FIELD TRIP. Frederick. Indian Springs and Green Ridge in Washington County. Join us for a spring migration search. Meet at 7:30 a.m. at the Culler Lake Boathouse in Baker Park. For information contact the leaders, Doug and Nancy Parker, at 301-663-1909.

FIELD TRIP. Harford. Conowingo Dam. The annual spring visit to Conowingo Dam. Likely sightings include Warbling Vireo, Baltimore Oriole, and Prothonotary Warbler. This location is recognized nationally as a great spot to watch Bald Eagles. The leader is Les Eastman (410-734-6969). Plan to meet at Fisherman's Park (east end of Shuresville Rd) at 7:30 a.m.

FIELD TRIP. Howard. Middle Patuxent Environmental Area. Walk through the woodlands and stream valley to learn the history and upcoming plans of the MPEA. Breeding birds should be in good supply with some lingering migrants. Paths may be muddy. Meet at 7:15 a.m. The leader is Jeff Schwierjohann. For further information, call Bonnie at 410-461-3361.

FIELD TRIP. Washington. We're going to Blair's Valley for warblers. Meet at 7:00 a.m. at the Dept. of Motor Vehicles Park 'n Ride on Rt. 65. For more information contact the trip leader, Dave Weesner, (301) 432-7718.

Sunday, May 20

FIELD TRIP. Anne Arundel. National Arboretum, Washington, DC. Mixed habitat for birds - meadow and woods. Meet at 8:00 a.m. at the Parole Park & Ride lot located off Harry Truman Parkway. For further information, contact the leader, Gladys Lambert at 410-267-7126.

FIELD TRIP. Baltimore. Cylburn Self-guided Walk. Meet 8:00 a.m. at the front porch of Cylburn Mansion. For further information, call coordinator Joe Lewandowski at 410-358-7834 or ilenel@juno.com.

FIELD TRIP. Cecil. Shorebirds & Waders - Bombay Hook NWR. Meet at 6:00 a.m. at the Cecil Community College Parking Lot. Full Day. For further information, contact the leader, Brian Moyer, at 410-306-0967 (W) or 410-378-5307 (H).

FIELD TRIP. Howard. Hugg Thomas Wildlife Management. Area (Breeding Birds/Cliff Swallows). Moderate to difficult walking through woodlands and along field edges for breeding warblers and wide variety of woodland birds. Hooded and Kentucky Warblers expected. Short side trip for nesting Cliff Swallows. Meet at 7:00 a.m. For further information, contact the leader, Dave Harvey, at 410-795-3117.

FIELD TRIP. Montgomery. Indian Springs, Washington County. Migrant and breeding warblers. Chance to see Golden-winged Warbler and Black-billed Cuckoo. Limited to 12 people. Car pooling essential. Meet at 8 a.m. For required reservations and place to meet, contact the leader, Mike Bowen, at 301-530-5764.

Tuesday, May 22

FIELD TRIP. Baltimore. Lake Roland. Meet at 9:00 a.m. at the foot-bridge in Robert E. Lee Park. Note: possible bridge construction may cause spring walks to be relocated. For further information, contact the leader, Josie Gray, at 410-922-1837.

MEETING. Patuxent. Members' Night - Bring your favorite slides (up to 20) to show and share with us where you have birded and what you have seen during the past year. 7:45 p.m. in the Bio Science Building at the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center. For further information, contact Tom Loomis at 301-937-2257.

Wednesday, May 23

FIELD TRIP. Harford. Gunpowder Falls State Park. Join trip leader Phil Powers on a scenic walk along the Big Gunpowder River. Target

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species include Orioles, Scarlet Tanagers and migrating warblers. Meet at 7:30 a.m. at the parking lot on Bel Air Road at the Big Gunpowder River. Contact Phil Powers at 410-679-4116 for further details.

Thursday, May 24

FIELD TRIP. Montgomery. Southern Delaware. We'll start the trip at 6 a.m. in Prime Hook NWR, just north of Lewes. After 2-3 hours of late migrants and nesting songbirds at Prime Hook, we'll move progressively north to a succession of bayshore locations in Sussex and Kent Counties, looking for concentrations of migrant shorebirds at near the peak of horseshoe crab egg eating activity. Local breeders such as Seaside and Saltmarsh Sharp-tailed Sparrows also likely. For reservations, driving directions and information on reasonably priced motels near Lewes, contact the leader, Mike Bowen, at 301-530-5764.

Saturday, May 26

FIELD TRIP. Baltimore. Cromwell Valley Park. A series of walks co-sponsored by the Wild Bird Center. Diverse habitats include a stream, a pond, woods and fields. Meet at 8:00 a.m. at the "Willow Grove Farm" Information Kiosk in the park off Cromwell Bridge Road 1.5 miles north of I-695 Beltway exit 29A. For further information, contact the leader, Jim Meyers, at 410-435-2008.

FIELD TRIP. Cecil. Turkey Point for Spring Migrants. Meet at 7:30 a.m. at the Turkey Point Parking Lot. 1/2 day. For further information, contact the leader, Scott Powers, at 410-658-2368.

FIELD TRIP. Harford. Havre de Grace Shorebirds. Exciting trip for county listers, with several difficult-to-find species possible including Dunlin, Whimbrel, Ruddy Turnstone and Black Tern. Scopes would be helpful. Meet at 6:00 a.m. at the Tydings Park boat launch, located at Commerce and Market Streets. For further information, contact the leader, Dave Webb, at 410-939-3537.

FIELD TRIP. Howard. Whip-poor-will Search. Short walk to stand and listen for Whip-poor-wills in western Howard County. Wear dark clothes, bring flashlight. Meet at 7:00 p.m. at the Rt. 100 park & ride to carpool (A MUST). For further information, contact the leader, Bonnie Ott, at 410-461-3361.

FIELD TRIP. Montgomery. Charles County For "Chucks" And "Whips." Third annual post-darkness trip for goatsuckers and maybe other denizens of the night. Meet at 6:00 p.m. at Blockbuster Video, corner Rts. 5 and 301, Charles County. For details and reservations, contact the leader, George Jett, at 301-843-3524.

Sunday, May 27

FIELD TRIP. Baltimore. Owings Mills Mall Wetland. Willow Flycatchers, Green Heron, Blue Grosbeak and Orchard Orioles are just a few of the birds that breed at the Mall's wetland. Meet at 7:30 a.m. at the Macy's lot across from Exxon station. For further information, contact the leader, Keith Eric Costley, at 410-521-5366 or oriolekec1@aol.com.

FIELD TRIP. Baltimore. Cylburn Self-guided Walk. Meet 8:00 a.m. at the front porch of Cylburn Mansion. For further information, call coordinator Joe Lewandowski at 410-358-7834 or ilenel@juno.com.

FIELD TRIP. Harford. Loch Raven. Join trip leaders Mary Procell and Mark Johnson on a half day trip to Loch Raven. Target species include Prairie Warbler, Yellow-breasted Chats and waterthrushes as well as vireos, thrushes and orioles. Meet at 6:30 a.m. at Youth Benefit elementary school on MD 152. Contact Mark Johnson at 410-692-5978 for further details.

FIELD TRIP. Howard. Schooley Mill. Moderate walking through woodland trails and fields in search of breeding birds. Indigo buntings, Bluebirds and Louisiana Waterthrushes likely. Paths may be muddy. Meet at upper lot at 7:30 a.m. For further information, contact the leader, Daryl Olsen at 301-421-0123.

FIELD TRIP. Montgomery. Nassawango Creek/Blackwater NWR. Warblers, songbird migrants, waterbirds. Meet at 8 a.m. at place to be designated by leader. Bring lunch and snacks, 'scope, insect repellent and sun screen. Reservations required; limited to 12 people. For further information and reservations, contact the leader, Jim Green at 301-208-2393.

Monday, May 28

FIELD TRIP. Harford. Upper Deer Creek Valley. Join leader Dennis Kirkwood for a morning trip in search of Worm-eating Warbler, Grasshopper Sparrow, Willow Flycatcher, and Horned Lark. Meet at 7:00 a.m. at Hidden Valley area of Rocks State Park, at the north end of Madonna Road.

Wednesday, May 30

MEETING. Cecil. "Bald Eagles in Maryland" by Glenn Therres of MD DNR. 7:00 p.m. at the Elkton High School Library. For further information, contact Leslie Fisher at 410-658-2427 or gonbrdn@dol.net.

Saturday-Sunday, June 2-3

FIELD TRIP. Frederick. Listers Trip to Western Maryland. We will hit Fenzel Swamp, the strip mine, and other places in Garret County. We will leave Saturday morning to hit many of the hot spots and spend the night for early Sunday morning additions. We will be carpooling and there may be limited space, so call Davis Smith at 410-549-7082 or Lois Kauffman at 301-845-6690 to make reservations.

FIELD TRIP. Montgomery. West Virginia Hotspots. "Northern" species on nesting grounds as well as other interesting field birds. Participants must be ready for very early a.m. starts, both days. For further information and reservations, contact the leader, John Bjerke, at 301-963-8525.

Saturday, June 2

ANNUAL SPRING POTLUCK PICNIC. Anne Arundel. 4:00 p.m.

FIELD TRIP. Baltimore. Saturdays at Hart-Miller Island. Meet 7:00 a.m. sharp. Strenuous carry-your-scope hike, 7 miles on shifting sand and gravel under open sky with no shelter or shade; one rest stop (bathrooms) half way around the trek. Carry drinks, lunch, sunscreen and insect repellent. For shorebirds, possible rare gulls. Merlins and Peregrine Falcons in fall; Snow Buntings in winter. Maryland's best shorebird hotspot by far. For reservations, call Gene Scarpulla, (410) 388-0852 or ejscarp@juno.com.

FIELD TRIP. Baltimore. Day's Cove. Glenn Swiston, Baltimore County naturalist, takes the BBC to visit two very special spots. Bald Eagle, Marsh Wren, Yellow-billed Cuckoo, Chat, Blue Grosbeak, Marsh Wren, Forster's and Caspian terns & many other species possible. Telescopes useful. Meet at 7:30 a.m. Take Day's Cove Road to the end and continue straight through a gate and onto a gravel road. The road divides; take the LEFT fork. Bear right at the lake. Go through gate, up gravel road to parking lot. For further information, contact Bea Nicholls at 410-687-1461 or birderbea@aol.com.

FIELD TRIP. Harford. Eden Mill & Kilgore Falls. Start the morning at scenic county park along Deer Creek, and home of several breeding neo-tropical migrants such as Indigo Bunting, Orchard Oriole, and Worm-eating Warbler. Then drive over to Maryland 2nd tallest waterfall and such species as Yellow-breasted Chat, Eastern Phoebe, and American Redstart. Expect some steep, yet brief climbs while hiking at Eden Mill. Meet leader Debbie Bowers at 7:00 a.m. at Eden Mill trail parking area, on Eden Mill Road just west of Fawn Grove Road.

Sunday, June 3

FIELD TRIP. Baltimore. Birds along the Jones Falls. Spend the morning walking along the Jones Falls on streets still lined by factories and homes from the 19th century. See the lovely Jones Falls waterfall that still hosts Black-crowned Night-heron and Wood duck families. Within sight of WBAL's tower are: nesting Baltimore and Orchard Orioles, Indigo Buntings, Common Yellowthroats, Yellow Warblers and other surprises. Meet at 7:30 a.m. at the Poly-Western High School parking lot, Falls Rd. and Cold Spring Lane, at the Falls Road entrance. For further information, contact the leader, Brian Rollfinke, at 410-542-3368, or brollfin@mail.friendsbalt.org.

FIELD TRIP. Cecil. Elk Neck Forest. Meet at 7:00 a.m. at the Elk Neck Forest Entrance Parking Lot. 1/2 day. For further information, contact the leader, Parke John, at 410-287-6037.

FIELD TRIP. Harford. Lily Pons. Lily Pons hosted breeding Virginia Rails last year and Least Bitterns were seen several times. Target

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species include breeding Dickcissel, Grasshopper and Vesper Sparrow. Meet at 6:30 a.m. at the I-95 & MD 152 park and ride. For further information, contact the leader, Mark Johnson, at 410-692-5978.

Wednesday, June 6

FIELD TRIP. Baltimore. First Wednesdays at Ft. McHenry. Monthly survey of bird activity at the wetland. Folding chair and telescope useful. Cancelled in bad weather (high winds, fog, rain). Meet 9:30 a.m. at Fort McHenry. From the entrance, the wetlands are to the right. Meet just past the statue of Orpheus. Coordinators Gail Frantz 410-833-7135, guineabird@aol.com, and Catherine Bishop, 410-435-9569.

Thursday, June 7

PICNIC. Frederick. Annual Picnic At Pinecliff Park. Bring binoculars, a dish to share, plate, drink and utensils.

Friday, June 8

ANNUAL CLUB PICNIC. Kent. 5:30 p.m. Place TBA. For further information, contact Pat Wilson, at 410-778-1005.

Saturday, June 9

FIELD TRIP. Frederick. Jug Bay Nature Center. Who knows what we will turn up at this time of the year? Meet at 6:00 a.m. at the Culler Lake Boathouse in Baker Park. For further information, contact the leader, Lois Kauffman, at 301-845-6690.

FIELD TRIP. Harford. Whips and Hoots. Join Jean and Larry Fry for a visit to Broad Creek Memorial Scout Reservation in search of Whip-poor-wills and owls. The "Whips" can really make some noise, and a spattering of Great Horned, Eastern Screech, and Barred Owls will make the evening chorus even better. Meet Jean and Larry at Dublin Elementary School at 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, June 10

FIELD TRIP. Montgomery. Hughes Hollow Butterfly Bonanza. Those new to "butterflying" are particularly encouraged to come along. Meet at Hughes Hollow parking lot off of River Rd. at 10:00 a.m. and "butterfly" until 2:00 p.m. All are welcome but limit is 15. For further information and reservations, contact the leader, Jack Schultz, at 301-869-1255.

Saturday, June 16

FIELD TRIP. Anne Arundel. Lily Pons for late migrants and breeding birds. Meet at 7:00 a.m. at the Parole Park & Ride lot located off Harry Truman Parkway. For further information and reservations, contact the leader, Leo Weigant at 410-647-9251.

FIELD TRIP. Baltimore. Dickcissels And Other Field Birds. Bird the fields of Carroll and Frederick Counties for singing and nesting Vesper, Grasshopper, Field, and possible Savannah Sparrows, Bobolink, Dickcissel, Horned Lark, Meadowlark, Willow Flycatcher, possible Loggerhead Shrike, possible Red-headed Woodpecker. Bird half-day or bring lunch and bird the whole day. Rain date: June 23. Meet at 7:30 a.m. at the Security Blvd Park & Ride Lot at the east end of I-70. For further information, contact the leader, Pete Webb, at 410-486-1217 or pwebb@bcpl.net.

FIELD TRIP. Baltimore. Cromwell Valley Park. A series of walks co-sponsored by the Wild Bird Center. Diverse habitats include a stream, a pond, woods and fields. Meet at 8:00 a.m. at the "Willow Grove Farm" Information Kiosk in the park off Cromwell Bridge Road 1.5 miles north of I-695 Beltway exit 29A. For further information, contact the leader, Jim Meyers, at 410-435-2008.

FIELD TRIP. Cecil. Bethel WMA & Court House Point WMA. Meet at 7:00 a.m. at the Big Elk Mall Dunkin Doughnuts Parking Lot Area. 1/2 day. For further information, contact the leader, Leslie Fisher, at 410-658-2427.

FIELD TRIP. Harford. Huntley Meadows. This oasis of wildlife in densely populated Northern Virginia is breeding ground for such suburban rarities as Least Bittern, King Rail, and Yellow-crowned Night-Heron. A stop at nearby Woodbridge will attempt to find Mississippi Kites seen here for the last three summers. Bring lunch, repellent, and sunscreen for this 3/4-day trip with easy walking. Meet at 7:00 a.m. at the MD 152 & I-95 Park & Ride. For further information,

contact the leader, Randy Robertson, at 410-273-9029.

WORKSHOP. Montgomery. Black Hill Regional Park Visitor Center (9-11 a.m.). MCC/MOS is offering their annual shorebird workshop. Designed to focus on pairs of birds that are identification conundrums. Intended to appeal to beginning and seasoned shorebird enthusiasts. Co-leaders are John Bjerke and Cyndie Loeper. Call Cyndie at 301-530-8226 for reservations.

Sunday, June 17

FIELD TRIP. Baltimore. Birding Woodstock II. Return trip for nesting Parula, Cerulean, Prothonotary warblers and other woodland birds. Carry water and snacks or lunch. Those who prefer to bird half a day need not complete the entire loop and will be able to leave early. Meet at 7:30 a.m. where Old Court Road crosses the Patapsco River. Cross the bridge and park just beyond the railroad tracks. For further information and directions, contact the leader, Keith Eric Costley, at 410-521-5366 or oriolekec1@aol.com.

Saturday, June 23

FIELD TRIP. Harford. Harford Glen. An easy morning stroll around Harford Glen lake looking for breeding warblers, orioles and vireos. Meeting time is 7:00 a.m. at the parking lot by the mansion. Harford Glen is at the east end of Wheel Road off of MD 24. For further information, contact the leader, Dave Powell, at 410-452-5806.

Sunday, June 24

PICNIC. Washington. We'll meet at 4:00 p.m. at Washington Monument State Park. Bring a dish to share and your own plate and utensils. Call Judy Lilga, (301) 432-2276, for more information.

Saturday, June 30

ANNUAL PICNIC. Carroll. Bring a pot luck dish & join us for a relaxing afternoon starting at 1:00 p.m. For more information and to coordinate your dish, contact Amy Hoffman at 410-549-3598.

Saturday, July 7

FIELD TRIP. Baltimore. Saturdays at Hart-Miller Island. Meet 7:00 a.m. sharp. Strenuous carry-your-scope hike, 7 miles on shifting sand and gravel under open sky with no shelter or shade; one rest stop (bathrooms) half way around the trek. Carry drinks, lunch, sunscreen and insect repellent. For shorebirds, possible rare gulls. Merlins and Peregrine Falcons in fall; Snow Buntings in winter. Maryland's best shorebird hotspot by far. For reservations, call Gene Scarpulla, (410) 388-0852 or ejscarp@juno.com.

Wednesday, July 11

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Sunday, July 15

FIELD TRIP. Cecil. The Seasons at Fair Hill - Summer. Meet at 7:00 a.m. at the Fair Hill Nature Center Covered Bridge Parking Lot. 1/2 day. For further information, contact the leader, Scott Powers, at 410-658-2368.

FIELD TRIP. Harford. Bombay Hook. Join Mr. Bombay himself, trip leader Dave Larkin on this all day trip to the Delaware Bay oasis for migrating shorebirds. Fifteen species is considered easy, but more are possible and rarities show up every year. Bring scopes, lunch, repellent and sunscreen. Meet at 7:00 a.m. at the MD155 & I-95 Park and Ride. Contact Dave Larkin at 410-569-8319 for further details.

Friday, July 20

SUMMER SOCIAL. Harford. Join us for fine food and a delightfully entertaining night as Spoke Updegrove highlights his trip out West. Meet at the Anita Leight Estuary Center located at Otter Point Road in Abingdon. For reservations or further information, call Debbie Saylor 410-692-9305.

Saturday, July 21

FIELD TRIP. Harford. Harford Shorebirds. County listers will enjoy this evening look at Harford's premier location for shorebirds. Pos-

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sible sightings include Pectoral Sandpiper, Semipalmated Plover, Sanderling, and Short-billed Dowitcher. Scope recommended, although not required. Meet at 5:30 p.m. at the Tydings Marina boat launch in Havre de Grace. For further information, contact the leader, Randy Robertson, at 410-273-9029.

FIELD TRIP. Montgomery. Delaware Coastal Areas. Joint with ANS. Meet at 7:15 a.m. at headquarters parking lot at Bombay Hook NWR, DE. Shorebirds and waterbirds; some songbirds along wood/marsh trail edges. Limited to 20-people. Make reservations with leader John Bjerke (Rockville) at 301-963-8525 eves. before 9 p.m.

Saturday, July 28

FIELD TRIP. Cecil. Cecil Shorebirds. Meet at 8:00 a.m. at the Big Elk Mall Dunkin Doughnuts Parking Lot Area. 1/2 day. For further information, contact the leader, Leslie Fisher, at 410-658-2427.

Wednesday, August 1

FIELD TRIP. Baltimore. First Wednesdays at Ft. McHenry. Monthly survey of bird activity at the wetland. Folding chair and telescope useful. Cancelled in bad weather (high winds, fog, rain). Meet 9:30 a.m. at Fort McHenry. From the entrance, the wetlands are to the right. Meet just past the statue of Orpheus. Coordinators Gail Frantz 410-833-7135, guineabird@aol.com, and Catherine Bishop, 410-435-9569.

Saturday, August 4

FIELD TRIP. Baltimore. Saturdays at Hart-Miller Island. Meet 7:00 a.m. sharp. Strenuous carry-your-scope hike, 7 miles on shifting sand and gravel under open sky with no shelter or shade; one rest stop (bathrooms) half way around the trek. Carry drinks, lunch, sunscreen and insect repellent. For shorebirds, possible rare gulls. Merlins and Peregrine Falcons in fall; Snow Buntings in winter. Maryland's best shorebird hotspot by far. For reservations, call Gene Scarpulla, (410) 388-0852 or ejscarp@juno.com.

FIELD TRIP. Cecil. Shorebirds & Waders - Bombay Hook NWR. Meet at 8:00 a.m. at the Bombay Hook NWR Headquarters. 1/2 or Full Day. For further information, contact the leader, Ellen Short, at 302-478-8300.

Saturday, August 11

FIELD TRIP. Frederick. Delaware Coastal Refuges with Mike Welch. Bring bug spray, lunch and drinks. Meet early at Urbana Park & Ride. Contact Mike Welch at 301-874-5828 if you are going.

Saturday, August 18

FIELD TRIP. Baltimore. Delaware Bay for herons, wide variety of migrating shorebirds including avocets. Be prepared for heat and biting insects. Minimal walking involved. Telescopes useful. Meet at 7:00 a.m. at Nursery Road - Hammonds Ferry Road Park & Ride at Beltway Exit 8. Optional meeting place: Bombay Hook NWR parking lot at 9:00 a.m. For further information, contact the leader, Pete Webb, at 410-486-1217 or pwebb@bcpl.net.

FIELD TRIP. Harford. Pot Luck Shorebirds. Where will Dennis Kirkwood's crystal ball tell us to go this time? Presque Isle? Jamaica Bay? Pea Island? No, probably Bombay Hook again. But you'll not know for sure until 7:00 a.m. at the MD 155 / I-95 commuter lot (Exit 89). Bring sunscreen, insect repellent, and lunch for this 3/4-day journey in search of shorebirds and the hottest rarities. Scopes helpful, but not necessary. Contact Dennis at 410-692-5905 for further information.

Wednesday, August 22

FIELD TRIP. Harford. Bel Air Goatsuckers, Volume I. Join the trip leader (TBA) on the top floor of the Bel Air parking garage to scan the early evening skies for southbound Common Nighthawks. Watch runs from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. The garage is located at the corner of Pennsylvania and Hickory Avenues. Coordinator is Dave Powell.

Sunday, August 26

PICNIC. Washington. Come to Judy & John Lilga's house for our August picnic. Arrive at 4:00 p.m. with a dish to share and your own plate and utensils. Contact Judy Lilga, (301) 432-2276, for directions.

Wednesday, August 29

FIELD TRIP. Harford. Bel Air Goatsuckers, Volume II. Same location and times as August 22 trip. Leader is Phil Powers; coordinator is Dave Powell.

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at the Frostburg Community Hall, catered by the Princess Restaurant. Ben Poscover, the featured speaker, spoke on Horseshoe Crabs and Shorebirds. Kathleen Helker and Gladys Flaherty managed the silent auction. Nancy and Charlotte Folk chaired the event and gathered the favors and door prizes. The Chapter honored Ken Hodgdon with a plaque that will be installed at the Blue Trail at Carey Run MOS Sanctuary, which has been renamed the Hodgdon Trail. The plaque celebrates the contributions of a man who has touched the lives of many young people and raised the conservation awareness of an entire community. The plaque will be installed at the annual Carey Run clean-up day on April 28. The Chapter especially invites anyone who has not enjoyed this beautiful MOS sanctuary to join them on that fourth Saturday in April. Contributions to the Hodgdon Trail may be sent to Charlotte Folk, 179 Mt. Pleasant St., Frostburg, MD 21532. For additional information about the clean-up day, contact Barbara Gaffney at 301-895-4646 or GaffneyG@Mindspring.com/.

Cecil Supports Fair Hill Nature and Environmental Center —
The Cecil Chapter has voted to become a supporter of the Fair Hill

Nature and Environmental Center at the sponsor level, a decision that will be revisited on an annual basis. Fair Hill is an outdoor education school with programs designed to encourage awareness, understanding and appreciation of the natural world. Students from Cecil County schools are bused in to Fair Hill where they get "hands on" classes in aquatic studies, wildlife habitats, water quality testing, ecosystems, etc. Parke John, Field Trip Chair for Cecil, says this association could be "a springboard in our efforts at introducing more youths into our club" as well as encouraging conservation and protection of natural habitats.

Allegany Chapter Member Celebrates the Golden 500 — Jim Paulus spotted three Golden Eagles in their northward migration at his post on Town Hill on Sunday, March 11. That third Golden Eagle, seen at precisely 12:37, was Jim's 500th Golden Eagle at stationary hawk watches in Allegany County since he began in the fall of 1990. Most of them were seen at Town Hill but the more recent ones were observed from an orchard off Williams Road above Cumberland. The

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final 100 came slowly to Jim as health problems in recent years have limited his trips to Town Hill. Jim was right back at Town Hill the following Saturday, March 17 and was rewarded with a very special day. Between 10:00 a.m. and 1:30 p.m., he logged 9 Golden Eagles (all adult), 2 Bald Eagles, 2 Harriers, 4 Sharpies, 1 Red-shouldered, and 6 Red-tails, along with two flocks of 38 and 31 Canadas. Just as a yardstick, Jim saw 2846 hawks, eagles, and others between August 30 and November 25, 2000.

Baltimore Flock Heads South to Trinidad and Tobago — Bea Nicholls, Ruth Culbertson, Gail Frantz, Helene Gardel, Shirley and Ray Geddes, Phyllis Gerber, Dot Gustafson, Carol Schreter, and Debbie Terry spent ten days in Trinidad and Tobago in December. Bea Nicholls reports that the group triumphed over sore knees, misappropriated tickets, radar blackout, and no-show transportation, to enjoy "almost 200 birds, 80 degrees in December, glorious flowers, breathtaking scenery, delicious food, clean and comfortable accommodations, friendly, enthusiastic, gracious, and knowledgeable natives. They could choose daily excursions around Trinidad or remain at the Asa Wright Nature Center. They saw Blue-crowned Motmots almost daily plus Blue-black Gassquits, White-lined Tanagers, Purple Honeycreepers, Bananaquits, Crested Oropendolas, Blue-gray Tanagers, Silver-beaked Tanagers, Tropical Mockingbirds, and, of course, hummingbirds. Bea found the Bearded Bellbird the oddest looking bird and found one of the most dramatic moments watching hundreds of Scarlet Ibis returning at dusk to their mangrove roosts in the Caroni Swamp. On Tobago they found White-tailed Sabrewing, Olivaceous Woodcreeper, Stripe-breasted Spinetail, Great Black Hawk, and Yellow-legged Thrush, among many others. Bea's summary: "Would I go again? You bet!"

Patuxent Member Enjoys an Unexpected Birding Adventure — On a layover in Buenos Aires, Tom and Joy Loomis took a taxi to the Costanera Sur Ecological Reserve. Tom reports, "This is an attractive reclaimed area of ponds, grasslands, and trees along the river waterfront area a short distance from the city center. There is a small visitors' center with interpretive literature and displays and an excellent network of trails with frequent observation points. Birds were nesting and singing beautiful, unfamiliar songs in the chilly misty spring weather. With the help of Collins Illustrated Checklist of Southern South America and Antarctica and persistence we identified about 25 species and had glimpses of many more. In addition, there were numerous non-avian wildlife species and lush flowering native vegetation. Part of our layover included a day-trip to a local estancia (small ranch) to sample the local entertainment of barbeque, tango dances, and riding exhibitions. This was a ranching and farming area with extensive grasslands and small wooded areas located about an hour drive inland from the city center. Here we had to squeeze our bird watching in around breaks in the entertainment but were impressed by the variety and photo opportunities. Our species list totaled about a dozen with good photos of five." Tom and Joy found the flight down very long but the birding outstanding and the natives very friendly and helpful.

Cecil Aces Its Membership Goal — Leslie Fisher reports that the Cecil Chapter reached its goal of 100 members and then passed it, reaching 102. New youth members Jennifer Feister, Tina Risetto, and Charlotte-Sanford Crane helped with the record. All three were sponsored by their teacher and club member Mikki Senn. Stan Barry, the 91st member lives in Elkton and works in Newark, DE. Roy and Mary Ellen Beck retired and moved from Southern California to be near family. Shayna Gordon of Earleville has been studying a self-taught birding course and is now participating in club walks. Meeting the total membership goal contributing to a record in meeting attendance in March: 42. Long time members joined Jennifer and Tina and

newcomers William Greiser, John and Virginia Trostle for an informative warbler ID program by Pete Webb of the Baltimore Chapter.

Harford Member Thanks His Early Mentors — The speaker at Harford's annual dinner meeting on February 21 was Dave Ziolkowski, a member who spoke on "The Lesser Antilles (Guadeloupe, Dominica, Martinique, and St. Lucia)." Dave is currently at the University of Missouri-St. Louis working on his Ph.D. in evolutionary biology. He is currently studying the unique animal communities of these islands which contain many endemic species. Dave writes, "My interests in ecology were initially formed through Steve Hillyer's pioneering approach to science education. However, the bird club really provided a place for me to expand my horizons. I first learned to handle birds under the kind wings of Barbara Bilsborough and the Hesseltons. My skills in teaching were developed through the opportunity to lead bird trips with wonderfully excited people. My enthusiasm for the natural world was further developed through many conversations with the network of impressive teachers that Dennis Kirkwood had worked so hard to build (Tom Congersky, Tom Trafton, Roy Poole, Spike Updegrove, etc....)." Barbara Bilsborough is a long-time member who served as the chapter secretary for a long time. She did bird banding and banding demonstrations to school groups at Harford Glen Environmental Education Center for many years. She now lives in a retirement community in Sykesville. Ken and Sue Heselton are licensed bird banders who also do banding demonstrations at Harford Blen. In addition, Sue is a Harford County Council member. Tom Congersky, Tom Trafton, Roy Poole, and Spike Updegrove are current or former science teachers in Harford County Schools. All are MOS members and have led many field trips. Spike was once president of the Chapter. Dennis Kirkwood, also a former president of the club, is now the Science Supervisor of Harford County Schools and another frequent field trip leader. All of these people have given generously of their time and talents to young birders. It is wonderful to hear their good work being appreciated and acknowledged.

Cecil Members Go Down to the Sea in Kayaks — Ken and Kimberleigh Drier spent the Christmas holiday sea kayaking along Baja California, Mexico. At the first stop to pick up supplies and equipment, Ken found these exotic birds: House Sparrow, Rock Dove, and House Finch. However, as they took a boat out to their base camp, they found Common Ground Doves, Gila Woodpecker, Crested Caracara, Brown Pelicans, Snowy Egret, and "no shortage of Magnificent Frigatebirds." Ken and Kimberleigh were able to visit a California Sea Lion colony by boat, jump into the water and snorkel with them swimming around. The little ones bumped into them trying to get them to play. On a day too windy for kayaks they hiked up into the mountain behind their camp and found Costa's Hummingbird. Practicing kayak maneuvers they watched Dougle-Crested and Red-faced Pelagic Cormorants, Ring-billed, California, and Bonaparte's Gulls, plus a Heermann's Gull. On one kayaking trip they found a pair of Bluefooted Boobies on a cliff not 20 ft. above them. Ken says, "we had a pretty good holiday."

Did you Catch Howard Birdfeeders? — Bonnie Ott and Tom Franklin, Howard members, are featured in an Outdoors Maryland segment on attracting wildlife to your backyard. It aired on April 5, but it may be rerun. Check your schedule or email Brett Martin at brett_martin@ccmail.mpt.org (410-581-4260) for another chance. Outdoors Maryland is Maryland Public Television's award-winning video outdoors magazine. "Wild Backyards" features a collection of simple-to-create-and-manage wildlife sanctuaries created by local homeowners on their own property. Homes from Baltimore, Carroll, Frederick, and Howard Counties are displayed. Bonnie Ott is the birdfeeding expert and all who have visited her home can readily attest to her skill at attracting birds while Tom Franklin discusses the importance of planting appropriately for wildlife.

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Volunteers Needed for Canada Goose Control in Montgomery County: Rich Dolesh has said that the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) will participate this spring with M-NCPPC, the Humane Society, and GeesePeace, among other organizations, on selected public park lands in a pilot, non-lethal control project for resident Canada Geese in Montgomery County, principally egg-addling. He recommended the MOS as a potential partner, especially the Conservation Committee and the Montgomery Chapter as potential sponsors and sources of volunteers. Rob Gibbs of Montgomery County Parks led a training session at Seneca Park in late March and plans to schedule a second session for additional volunteers. Trained volunteers will participate in field sessions to find and oil eggs. This effort will also include some record keeping and data management tasks. DNR's hope is that this type of multi-partner, multi-jurisdiction project will serve as a model for other local jurisdictions and public landowners. This project is operating under a restricted permit but has room for a few additional volunteers. For more information or to volunteer, please contact Maureen Harvey, dahtangara@erols.com, 410-795-3117 or Rob Gibbs, Wildlife Ecologist, M-NCPPC, Montgomery County Parks, gibbs@mncppc.state.md.us, 301-949-2909.

Support Maryland's GreenPrint Program: Governor Glendening has proposed \$145 million for MD's GreenPrint Program over five years. The program has three goals. First, identify, using state-of-the-art computer mapping techniques, the most important unprotected natural lands in the state. Second, link, or connect, these lands through a system of corridors or connectors. Third, save those lands through targeted acquisitions and easements. As MD continues to grow we must prevent the shrinking and fragmentation of undeveloped open space and fortify our green infrastructure. Green Hubs will provide our distinctive wildlife with access to a full range of habitat, enabling animals to flourish amidst vast stretches of protected lands. Green Hubs also reduce the stress placed on our forests, helping to renew woodlands and prevent their collapse into isolated pockets of trees. Strings of Green Links will form Habitat Highways, natural routes bridging Green Hubs. MD's Habitat Highways will allow wildlife safe passage through their natural domain, facilitate seed and pollen transport helping plant life thrive across the state, and keep streams and wetlands healthy by protecting adjacent vegetation. Preserving linkages between the remaining large habitat areas will ensure the long term survival and continued diversity of Maryland's natural resources and environment. Developers, private landowners, and others will benefit from having a clear understanding of where the most ecologically valuable lands are located and where targeted conservation activities will be directed. Citizens interested in increased stewardship activities will know where their efforts are most needed. Land planners and developers can use the green infrastructure maps as a reference in the development of site plans and management objectives. **Call your MD Delegates and Senators to express your support of full funding for the GreenPrint Program. From Wash. DC Metro Region call 301-970-5000; from Annapolis/Baltimore call 410-946-5000; from other parts of Maryland call 800-492-7122.**

Good News on the CARA front! The Conservation and Reinvestment Act has been reintroduced in the 107th Congress as H.R. 701. The new version incorporates the amendments that enabled the bill to pass in the House last year. A House cosponsor drive is currently underway. Last year's hard work finished with 315 cosponsors, including all but one of Maryland's Representatives. We already have 60 cosponsors including Rep Albert Russell Wynn, D-MD. Those not yet on the bill need to hear from us. Start with a telephone call to the

Member of Congress or their staff. Some basic talking points when requesting co-sponsorship of HR 701: "Thank you for your support through the House passage of CARA last year. However, CARA did not get brought to the Senate floor despite strong support for final action. A one-year appropriation did get passed. It provided funding for some of the CARA elements, including \$100 million for wildlife. We are pleased with this first-time appropriation but it falls short of the real intentions of CARA. What we got last year was simply a one-year appropriation without an assurance for future years. Maryland needs sustained and predictable funding to tackle the real conservation problems and provide quality education and recreation. House champions (Congressmen Young, Dingell, Miller, Tauzin, John, Hansen and Rahall, etc.) have reintroduced CARA this Congress as HR 701. There are at least 60 cosponsors, and we ask you to add your name once again." It is critical that you convey to them that their support last year was very appreciated and that you are "assuming" that they will want to continue this support in this Congress. Once they do cosponsor please make sure they get THANK YOU letters/calls to recognize and shore up their support for the future floor vote. It will be critical that we do our part to impress upon both the White House and Members of Congress that we still want and need CARA for our country.

MOS Opposes Transfer of MD/NJ Unused Horseshoe Crab Quota to VA: Carol Jelich reported on a Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission (ASMFC) Jan 2001 draft "Addendum II to the Interstate Fishery Management Plan for Horseshoe Crab." The draft proposes to study whether states with more restricted (than the Commission's) catch limits (NJ and MD) should be able to transfer "unused quota" to other states (this would be VA) to alleviate bait shortage. It is puzzling that, on one hand, the document encourages NJ and MD to keep their strict limits "to provide further protection to the Delaware Bay horseshoe crab population, recognizing its importance to migratory shorebirds," and yet the purpose of the document is to put on the table the possibility that additional horseshoe crabs be harvested elsewhere via quota transfer. MOS responded with a letter opposing the transfer of unused quota, summarized as follows:

April 2, 2001

Mr. Tom O'Connell
Maryland Department of Natural Resources
Tawes State Office Building C-2
580 Taylor Avenue
Annapolis, MD 21401

RE: Addendum II to ASMFC Horseshoe Crab Management Plan

Dear Mr. O'Connell:

The Maryland Ornithological Society fosters interaction and exchange of information among people interested in wild birds to encourage the study and enjoyment of birds and the natural world. One of our missions is to encourage the protection and conservation of bird life and natural resources that support bird life. That is why we are writing to you about the Draft Addendum II to the Interstate Fishery Management Plan for Horseshoe Crabs, Prepared for Public Comment Purposes by the Plan Development Team, February 2001. We would urge the ASMFC, the Plan Development Team, the Technical Committee, and the Horseshoe Crab Management Board to adopt Option A - No Quota Transfers. This would keep the current *status quo* by not allowing any quota transfers in any form.

In the early 1990's, to visit the Delaware Bay shore near the time of the full moon in May was to witness an amazing spectacle of Red Knots, Short-billed Dowitchers, and Ruddy Turnstones — a virtual

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blizzard of shorebirds — feeding on the bounty of horseshoe crab eggs. In May of 1999 and 2000, this annual event was disheartening; the birds just weren't there in impressive numbers. Red Knot populations, in particular, are declining significantly, and scientists...link this decline to insufficient numbers of horseshoe crab eggs in Delaware Bay. A team of biologists...concluded that Red Knot numbers have declined a dramatic 43% from last year.

The Draft document states: "Migratory shorebird populations in the Delaware Bay rely on a superabundance of horseshoe crab eggs (ASMFC 1998). This superabundance of eggs may require a surplus of horseshoe crabs beyond what is necessary to sustain the horseshoe crab population within that region... The impacts of a quota transfer on migratory shorebirds and the biomedical industry, as well as other competing uses, should be evaluated before a quota transfer is granted...quota transfers must not unduly impact horseshoe crab populations or its competing uses." We agree with the need to survey the horseshoe crab populations in order to evaluate the impact of current quotas as well as the quota transfers under consideration.

The Draft notes the only basis for Addendum II "...is to provide for the voluntary transfer of harvest quotas between states to alleviate bait shortages on a biologically responsible basis." What bait shortages? Virginia has been the only state pressing for this addendum and transfer of quota. They may be anticipating bait shortages but no such shortages have occurred in the past...

We believe that allowing a transfer of quota to Virginia to take or land more of the Delaware Bay population of horseshoe crabs could undermine Appendix I and all other conservation measures taken to protect horseshoe crab populations. Please remember that Virginia deliberately chose to ignore the 25% cap on its horseshoe crab fishery, and only the Federal government's October 2000 Federal Register Notice, that would have closed their crab and conch fishery, succeeded in forcing Virginia to act in compliance with Addendum I. Are we now going to allow them to undo some of the conservation measures by transferring quotas, a measure the ASMFC rejected a year ago? Virginia is now permitted to land 152,495 crabs, an increase of 555 % over their 1996-97 average of 23,247.

The ASMFC and all committees related to management of horseshoe crabs should have as a high priority a rigorous stock assessment of horseshoe crabs, especially the Delaware Bay population. Without this data, an accurate and scientific assessment of the impact of quota transfers on horseshoe crab populations — and thus on egg availability for shorebirds and crab availability for the lysate industry — cannot be estimated. We certainly know that increasing the take of the Delaware Bay population won't increase horseshoe crab numbers and egg availability. Please don't allow political and economic pressure to overrule sound science. Option A - No Quota Transfers should be adopted, or Addendum II should be shelved until the genetic data and stock assessments are completed and transfer impacts are evaluated.

Sincerely,
Maureen F. Harvey
Conservation Chair
Maryland Ornithological Society, Inc.

Aerial West Nile Mosquito Spraying Would Threaten Other Wildlife: Carol Schreter, Baltimore Bird Club Conservation Committee Chair, expressed concerns about possible spraying of pesticides all over MD to combat West Nile virus, a flu-like condition that has not yet struck Marylanders. MOS needs to be ready to express an opinion in case spraying is proposed in MD. Carol was told by The American Birding Conservancy that a well-organized protest against West Nile pesticides is forming in Massachusetts, the MA Partnership for Safe Mosquito Management. Partner MA Audubon opposes the use of broadscale pesticide spraying because the environmental risks outweigh the public health benefits. In 1990, when 800,000 acres in southeastern MA were sprayed with Malathion to manage mosquito borne disease, enormous numbers of nontarget species were killed, including fish, harmless insects, and mosquito predators like dragonflies. They received reports of a strange silence due to loss of crickets and other insects, as well as anecdotal reports of birds being absent from the region on a large scale, individual bird, amphibian, and reptilian deaths, and even several people ending up in the hospital due to being sprayed with the pesticide. They published a report, "Learning from Experience" on the subject, available through their Educational Resources Office. Aerial spraying would have minimal benefits for disease prevention. The mosquitoes of greatest concern for West Nile Virus transmission breed in small isolated areas like catch basins, tree hollows, etc. At best, spraying kills much of the current population of adult mosquitoes, yet many more hatch within days. Meanwhile, the environment suffers general broad scale effects, and people are exposed to pesticides over a large area. Instead, they recommend the following: 1. Public education encouraging personal protection measures (long sleeves and pants, hats, repellent). Do not apply repellent directly to skin of infants, young children, or sensitive individuals. Apply to clothing instead. 2. Source reduction: Bti larviciding of catch basins, storm water detention ponds, emptying bird baths, buckets, tires, other stagnant water breeding areas. 3. Ground spraying: MA Audubon does not oppose the targeted use of ground spraying from fogging trucks in locations where the presence of West Nile Virus has been confirmed, provided applications are targeted to high risk areas such as public parks and campgrounds, and are conducted in careful compliance with EPA label requirements (including avoidance of impacts to rare species, fisheries, and other sensitive resources); there is ample public notification both before and after spraying, to minimize public exposure to pesticides; officials conducting spraying should emphasize that people still need to take measures to protect themselves from mosquito bites because spraying will not eliminate all mosquitoes, and they will return quickly by flying in and due to new hatching.

Minutes of the MOS Board Meeting
9 December 2000

President: Karen Morley
Vice President: Paul Zucker
Treasurer: Shiras Guion
Secretary: Janet Shields
Executive Secretary: Larry Fry
Past President: Norm Saunders

Atlas: Jane Coskren
Budget: Paul Zucker
Conference: Mike Callahan
Conservation: Maureen Harvey
EFM Liaison: Carol Jelich
Gifts: Sally Ann Waldschmidt
Long-Range Planning: Marcia Watson-Whitmyre
MD Yellowthroat: Norm Saunders
Nominations: Dave Harvey
Publications: Chan Robbins
Publicity: Fran Saunders
Research: Dave Brinker
Sanctuary: Dotty Mumford
Scholarship: Jean Fry
Seasonal Counts: Bob Ringler

Allegany: not represented
Anne Arundel: Linda Baker, Phil Davis, Carol Jelich, Al Haury, Dotty Mumford, Fran Saunders, Norm Saunders, Lawrence Zoller
Baltimore: Bob Rineer, Peter Webb
Caroline: not represented
Carroll: Amy Hoffman, Dave Harvey, Maureen Harvey, Bob Ringler
Cecil: Marcia Watson-Whitmyre
Frederick: Doug Parker, Nancy Parker
Harford: Tom Congersky, Jean Fry, Larry Fry, Joe Vangrin
Howard: Mary-Jo Betts, Jane Coskren, Darius Ecker, Paula Ecker, Elayne Metter, Jeff Metter, Chuck Stirrat, Don Waugh, Martha Waugh
Jug Bay: Mike Callahan, Gary Flenner, Dale Johnson
Kent: not represented
Montgomery: Michael Bowen, Helen Gray, Janet Millenson, Lydia Schindler, Rick Sussman, Sally Ann Waldschmidt, Jane Winer
Patuxent: Chan Robbins
Talbot: Frank Lawlor, Liz Lawlor
Tri-County: not represented
Washington: Judith Lilga

Opening & Welcome: President Karen Morley called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m. She thanked the Montgomery Chapter for providing the meeting site and refreshments. She then introduced Michael Bowen, President of the Montgomery Chapter, who formally welcomed the Board to Montgomery County.

Minutes of Previous Meeting: Sally Ann Waldschmidt, Chairman of the Gifts Committee, noted that she had not heard a question from Norm Saunders during the September 2000 Board Meeting regarding the review of the proposal submitted by Marshall Iliff and had not responded to it as stated in the minutes. The minutes should be changed to reflect this. With no further discussion or requests forthcoming the minutes of the September Board Meeting were accepted as amended.

Treasurer's Report: Shiras Guion has been formulating an understandable format for the Treasurer's Report and presented a copy of the November 12, 2000, report. Shiras is open to any suggestions for format changes.

President's Remarks: Karen Morley has talked with the attorney for the Schenkel estate about certification for the Georgetta Schenkel bequest. Forms have been filed with the probate court and distribution of the estate should be in the next couple of weeks. Shiras Guion has talked with Paul Zucker and will deposit the money in our money market account which is currently earning interest @ 6%. Larry Fry gave us some autobiographical information on Miss Schenkel. She was a member of the Baltimore Chapter of MOS and was very active in banding work being done there in the 1970's.

Karen Morley received an e-mail from Leslie Fisher regarding a possible donation of land. Leslie was participating in a tree planting in Cecil County on a large tract of land owned by Firestone/Bridgestone, which is in the process of remediation. Firestone/Bridgestone wants to give it to someone in the future. Leslie wanted to know if MOS was interested in acquiring the land. Because this is a Superfund site and Karen works for the Federal Superfund program, she cannot be involved with the MOS follow-up and decision making regarding this land. Karen asked Bob Rineer to follow up on this for MOS.

Karen also received a message from Marcus Konen, Biological Inventory Coordinator for the National Park Service. He is setting up surveys of the National Parks in the Maryland, Virginia, and District of Columbia areas to monitor birds, wildlife and plants. Marcus wants to set up a database for bird sightings and asked for our help. Karen referred this to Bob Ringler.

Karen noted that the Jug Bay Chapter is unfortunately going inactive. She feels very strongly that the state MOS is here to help the local chapters. Southern Maryland Audubon is also having some problems keeping its chapter going. Karen asked Norm Saunders to contact Southern Maryland Audubon and Jug Bay members to see if they would like to form a regional chapter. Some of the Eastern Shore chapters are also having problems getting members. Our first goal is to make sure our own people and chapters are successful. We need to pull together ideas to share from other chapters and try to revitalize faltering chapters. MOS should provide financial help to support local chapter activities. We are here to help.

Review of Action Items from the September 9, 2000, Meeting: The following actions are still open from the 9/9/00 meeting.

- A. All committees to provide committee mission statement and a list of strengths and weaknesses. This is the first step in a long-range planning project. - **Several received by December 9; others are due.**
- B. All chapters to recruit scholarship applicants (final applications are due by January 31 to Jean Fry). - **Action has now expired, how many were received?**
- D. All chapters to return conservation questionnaire. - **Some received, others are due.**
- F. Gifts committee to complete the history of bequests and dispositions of the money. - **To be completed by March meeting.**

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MARYLAND MAY COUNT 2001: TOWERS IN OUR MIDST

Welcome to May Count 2001! Thank you for participating in the Ninth annual North American Migration Count, which will be held in the MD-DC area on Saturday, May 12th. You will be joined in this effort by birders in the Lower 48 states, Alaska, and neighboring countries.

Each county and the District of Columbia has a coordinator (see below). Your coordinator will work with you to help you understand how to complete this form and any documentation you may need to provide.

This year, help is especially needed on the Lower Eastern Shore in Wicomico, Worcester, and Somerset counties. Please contact Allen, Sam, or Charlie if you would like to spend a day birding in this warbler and shorebird paradise.

The following list of species are those you would expect to find in Maryland during spring migration. Some species require written details; those are noted with asterisks. Your county coordinator will provide you with a form for documentation of these species.

You no longer need to separate species according to feeder, stationary and night counts. You are asked to report feeder or stationary hours IF these are the only ways you spend a significant

portion of your day counting.

Feel free to share your stories about crazy and/or interesting things that happen during your count. You may submit a short write-up with your completed form. **Deadline for submitting completed reports to your county coordinator is May 31, 2001.** Thank you for your helping your coordinator in this way.

The theme for May Count 2001 is **Towers in our Midst**. In these days of cellular communications, many communications towers interrupt our skyline. They may also pose a hazard to migratory birds, who might collide with them or be affected by their strobing lights. This year we will take a look at how many and what types of towers are present in the migratory pathways of MD. Completing the **Towers** form is optional but we hope you will give it a try. Feel free to make additional comments. This information will be noted in **MD Birdlife**, along with the species totals and list of participants. You will be recognized for the data you share.

Have a wonderful day and Good Birding!

Wanda Cole- Statewide Coordinator

County Coordinators

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County Compilers only: Send your compilations by July 4, 2001 to Wanda Cole, May Count Coordinator, PO Box 161, Cordova, MD 21625-0161. E-Mail reports (preferred) should be sent to: wcole@dnr.state.md.us

County: _____

Red-throated Loon* _____
Common Loon _____
Pied-billed Grebe _____
Horned Grebe _____
Red-necked Grebe* _____
Eared Grebe** _____
Northern Fulmar** _____
Sooty Shearwater** _____
Manx Shearwater** _____
Wilson's Storm-Petrel** _____
Northern Gannet* _____
Brown Pelican* _____
Double-crested Cormorant _____
Great Cormorant* _____
Anhinga** _____
American Bittern _____
Least Bittern _____
Great Blue Heron _____
Great Egret _____
Snowy Egret _____
Little Blue Heron _____
Tricolored Heron _____
Cattle Egret _____
Green Heron _____
Black-crowned Night-Heron _____
Yellow-crowned Night-Heron _____
 night-heron sp. _____
Glossy Ibis _____
Black Vulture _____
Turkey Vulture _____
Greater White-fronted Goose** _____
Snow Goose* _____
Canada Goose _____
Brant* _____
Mute Swan _____
Tundra Swan _____
Wood Duck _____
Gadwall _____
American Wigeon _____
American Black Duck _____
Mallard _____
Blue-winged Teal _____
Northern Shoveler _____
Northern Pintail _____
Green-winged Teal _____
Canvasback _____
Redhead* _____
Ring-necked Duck _____
Greater Scaup _____
Lesser Scaup _____
 scaup sp. _____
Common Eider** _____
King Eider** _____
Harlequin Duck** _____
Long-tailed Duck _____
Black Scoter* _____
Surf Scoter _____
White-winged Scoter* _____
 scoter sp. _____
Common Goldeneye _____
Bufflehead _____
Hooded Merganser _____
Common Merganser _____
Red-breasted Merganser _____
Ruddy Duck _____
Osprey _____
Swallow-tailed Kite** _____
Bald Eagle, adult _____
Bald Eagle, immature _____
Bald Eagle, unknown age _____
Northern Harrier _____
Sharp-shinned Hawk _____
Cooper's Hawk _____
Northern Goshawk* _____
Red-shouldered Hawk _____
Broad-winged Hawk _____
Red-tailed Hawk _____
Rough-legged Hawk** _____

NOTE: Please record zero (0) if no birds were observed for a species.

buteo sp. _____
Golden Eagle** _____
 eagle sp. _____
American Kestrel _____
Merlin* _____
Peregrine Falcon* _____
Chukar* _____
Ring-necked Pheasant _____
Ruffed Grouse _____
Wild Turkey _____
Northern Bobwhite _____
Yellow Rail** _____
Black Rail* _____
Clapper Rail _____
King Rail _____
Virginia Rail _____
Sora _____
Common Moorhen _____
American Coot _____
Sandhill Crane** _____
Black-bellied Plover _____
American Golden-Plover** _____
Wilson's Plover** _____
Semipalmated Plover _____
Piping Plover** _____
Killdeer _____
American Oystercatcher _____
Black-necked Stilt* _____
American Avocet* _____
Greater Yellowlegs _____
Lesser Yellowlegs _____
Solitary Sandpiper _____
Willet _____
Spotted Sandpiper _____
Upland Sandpiper* _____
Whimbrel* _____
Long-billed Curlew** _____
Hudsonian Godwit** _____
Marbled Godwit** _____
Ruddy Turnstone _____
Red Knot* _____
Sanderling _____
Semipalmated Sandpiper _____
Western Sandpiper** _____
Least Sandpiper _____
White-rumped Sandpiper* _____
Baird's Sandpiper** _____
Pectoral Sandpiper _____
Purple Sandpiper** _____
Dunlin _____
Curlew Sandpiper** _____
 peep sp. _____
Stilt Sandpiper* _____
Buff-breasted Sandpiper** _____
Ruff** _____
Short-billed Dowitcher _____
Long-billed Dowitcher** _____
 dowitcher sp. _____
Common Snipe _____
American Woodcock _____
Wilson's Phalarope* _____
Red-necked Phalarope* _____
Red Phalarope** _____
 phalarope sp. _____
Pomarine Jaeger* _____
Parasitic Jaeger* _____
 jaeger sp. _____
Laughing Gull _____
Franklin's Gull*** _____
Little Gull*** _____
Black-headed Gull** _____
Bonaparte's Gull _____
Ring-billed Gull _____
Herring Gull _____
Thayer's Gull*** _____
Iceland Gull* _____
Lesser Black-backed Gull* _____
Glaucous Gull* _____

Great Black-backed Gull _____
Sabine's Gull*** _____
Black-legged Kittiwake** _____
 gull sp. _____
Gull-billed Tern** _____
Caspian Tern _____
Royal Tern _____
Sandwich Tern*** _____
Roseate Tern*** _____
Common Tern _____
Arctic Tern*** _____
Forster's Tern _____
 sterna sp. _____
Least Tern _____
Black Tern* _____
Black Skimmer* _____
Rock Dove _____
Eurasian Collared-Dove*** _____
Mourning Dove _____
Black-billed Cuckoo _____
Yellow-billed Cuckoo _____
Barn Owl _____
Eastern Screech-Owl _____
Great Horned Owl _____
Barred Owl _____
Long-eared Owl* _____
Short-eared Owl* _____
Northern Saw-whet Owl* _____
Common Nighthawk _____
Chuck-will's-widow _____
Whip-poor-will _____
Chimney Swift _____
Ruby-throated Hummingbird _____
Rufous Hummingbird** _____
Belted Kingfisher _____
Red-headed Woodpecker _____
Red-bellied Woodpecker _____
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker* _____
Downy Woodpecker _____
Hairy Woodpecker _____
Northern Flicker _____
Pileated Woodpecker _____
Olive-sided Flycatcher* _____
Eastern Wood-Pewee _____
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher* _____
Acadian Flycatcher _____
Alder Flycatcher* _____
Willow Flycatcher _____
Least Flycatcher _____
 empidonax sp. _____
Eastern Phoebe _____
Great Crested Flycatcher _____
Western Kingbird*** _____
Eastern Kingbird _____
Loggerhead Shrike* _____
White-eyed Vireo _____
Blue-headed Vireo* _____
Yellow-throated Vireo _____
Warbling Vireo _____
Philadelphia Vireo* _____
Red-eyed Vireo _____
 vireo sp. _____
Blue Jay _____
American Crow _____
Fish Crow _____
 crow sp. _____
Common Raven* _____
Horned Lark _____
Purple Martin _____
Tree Swallow _____
Northern Rough-winged Swallow _____
Bank Swallow _____
Cliff Swallow _____
Barn Swallow _____
Carolina Chickadee _____
Black-capped Chickadee _____
 chickadee sp. _____
Tufted Titmouse _____

Red-breasted Nuthatch*	
White-breasted Nuthatch	
Brown-headed Nuthatch	
Brown Creeper	
Carolina Wren	
Bewick's Wren**	
House Wren	
Winter Wren*	
Sedge Wren**	
Marsh Wren	
wren sp.	
Golden-crowned Kinglet	
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	
Eastern Bluebird	
Veery	
Gray-cheeked Thrush*	
Bicknell's Thrush*	
Swainson's Thrush	
Hermit Thrush	
Wood Thrush	
American Robin	
Gray Catbird	
Northern Mockingbird	
Brown Thrasher	
European Starling	
American Pipit	
Cedar Waxwing	
Blue-winged Warbler	
Brewster's Warbler*	
Lawrence's Warbler*	
Golden-winged Warbler	
Tennessee Warbler	
Orange-crowned Warbler*	
Nashville Warbler	
Northern Parula	
Yellow Warbler	
Chestnut-sided Warbler	
Magnolia Warbler	
Cape May Warbler	
Black-throated Blue Warbler	
Yellow-rumped Warbler	
Black-throated Green Warbler	
Blackburnian Warbler	
Yellow-throated Warbler	
Pine Warbler	
Prairie Warbler	
Palm Warbler	
Bay-breasted Warbler	
Blackpoll Warbler	
Cerulean Warbler	
Black-and-white Warbler	
American Redstart	
Prothonotary Warbler	
Worm-eating Warbler	
Swainson's Warbler**	
Ovenbird	
Northern Waterthrush	
Louisiana Waterthrush	
Kentucky Warbler	
Connecticut Warbler**	
Mourning Warbler*	
Common Yellowthroat	
Hooded Warbler	
Wilson's Warbler	
Canada Warbler	
Yellow-breasted Chat	
Summer Tanager	
Scarlet Tanager	
Western Tanager**	
Eastern Towhee ²	
Bachman's Sparrow**	
American Tree Sparrow**	
Chipping Sparrow	
Clay-colored Sparrow**	
Field Sparrow	
Vesper Sparrow	
Lark Sparrow**	

Total species _____
Total individuals _____

* Need some details
 ** NEED FULL DETAILS!
 ***NEVER REPORTED BEFORE
¹ formerly Solitary Vireo
² formerly Rufous-sided Towhee

Time Start: _____
Time Stop: _____

OWLING
Hours Owling: _____
Miles Owling: _____
#Parties Owling: _____
#Observers Owling: _____

Hours Foot: _____
Hours Car: _____
Hours Boat: _____
Hours other: _____ (_____)
Hours other: _____ (_____)
Miles Foot: _____
Miles Car: _____
Miles Boat: _____
Miles other: _____
Miles other: _____

#Parties Regular: _____
#Observers Regular: _____

STATIONARY (eg. hawk watch point, gull count at a landfill)
Hours Stationary: _____

FEEDER WATCHING (actual time counting only at feeders)
Hours Feeder Watch: _____

Temp. Wind³ %Clouds Precip.⁴

Pre-dawn				
Dawn				
AM				
Noon				
PM				
Dusk				
Post-dusk				

³Speed and Wind Direction, i.e. SE5-10.

⁴Heavy (as in hard downpour); Moderate (as in steady rainfall); Light (as in steady drizzle); Misty; Foggy; or Intermittent Drizzle.

COMPILED BY: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

E-Mail: _____

Guidelines for preparing documentation of rare bird sightings are included on page one of this insert.

Please enclose as many extra sheets as necessary to adequately document all speices marked with asterisks.

Towers In Our Midst

In an attempt to quantify the number of communication towers and their types that occur in our count territories, please fill out this Tower Checklist. Thank you!

Free-Standing:

Lattice, slightly higher than treetops _____

Lattice, almost twice as high or greater than treetops _____

This type of tower usually has four supports (or legs), sometimes three, with criss-crossing bars going up between the supports. They are often found in fields or inside wooded tracts.

Monopole, triangular platform at top, slightly higher than treetops _____

Monopole, needle antenna at top, slightly higher than treetops _____

This type of tower looks similar to a metal telephone pole and can usually be found in parking lots, near commercial buildings, or part of another utility pole.

Not Free-Standing (has guy wires to anchor it): _____

This type of tower looks like a monopole except that it is so tall that guy wires are needed to hold it in place. It generally has one or more needle antennae at the top and possibly satellite dishes. They are often much taller than the treetops. At a distance, the guy wires look like a giant spider web.

Attached to buildings or transmission towers: _____

To take advantage of the altitude and an unobstructed radius, towers will also be attached to the roofs of tall buildings or transmission towers, particularly those located on hilltops.

Please include a map showing these locations, if possible. Please attach your form to your May County report form and give to your coordinator or mail directly to Wanda Cole. Thank you for your participation.

Rarity Sightings Guidelines

Please note: If you see a species that requires written details, please provide as much of the following information as you are able, on as many separate sheets as necessary:

1. Description of Size, Shape and Plumage
 - a. Size relative to other bird species nearby.
 - b. Head shape, patterns, colors; bill length, shape, color
 - c. Eye: color, ring, stripes
 - d. Plumage details: nape, back, rump, wings(upper and under), coverts, tail, throat, chin, breast, belly
 - e. Legs and feet: length, colors, shape.
 - f. Condition: signs of molt or wear. Marked, tagged or banded?
2. Number of birds
3. Sex and age, by plumage or behavior
4. Behavior observed
5. Other Birds Present (if any)
6. Location (place name, county, state, habitat, etc.)
7. Weather/Sky/Observation Conditions
8. Observer Details (optics used, field guides consulted, experience of observer, names of other observers present)

Alphabetical List of Participants (continue on separate sheet if necessary)

- G. President and Gifts committee chair to revise gifts committee criteria and procedures. - **Task completed but has yet to be distributed.**

PRESENTATIONS BY OUTSIDE ORGANIZATIONS

Dru Schmidt Perkins, President of the Board of Directors of EFM:

Carol Jelich, our EFM Liaison, introduced Dru. Dru gave us an overview of the organization. EFM is trying to increase its workplace giving campaign by encouraging people to designate EFM when donating funds at their workplace. Dru felt the following items would help EFM in reaching its goals.

1. Identify MOS members who might be interested in working within their companies on this campaign and who would send a list of names of possible contributors with their work telephone numbers. EFM could send out brochures to these people explaining how they can contribute to the fund generally or how to designate an organization within the fund.
2. Connect EFM to our MOS web site.
3. An article about EFM in the *Yellowthroat*.
4. Have EFM brochures and handouts at MOS events.
5. Need to get into more work place funding campaigns.

Norm Saunders asked Dru if it is still the case that EFM donations are not being distributed. Dru responded yes but they are in the process of trying to change this and eventually all the money will come to the member organizations. By the end of this year because of staff reductions their overall expenses will drop by one third. This should help alleviate this situation.

Karen Morley gave our heartfelt thanks to Carol Jelich for all of her work at EFM. It's been a pleasure working with Carol. Someone is now needed to replace Carol as EFM Liaison. The EFM meetings are held in the Annapolis/Baltimore areas. Anyone interested please let us know.

Edward Delaney, Executive Director of the Wildfowl Trust of North America:

Karen Morley introduced Ed who gave a presentation for the Board. This non-profit organization is located at Horsehead Wetlands Center in Grasonville, MD. It is the site of 210 documented species. Their mission is stewardship and conservation education. They have just had a Black Duck symposium. They have school programs, teacher training, field trips and internships. Their interest in research is reflected in migratory bird surveys, nest box placement and work with the Trumpeter Swans. A new aviary was opened for diving ducks. The National Park Service has designated Horsehead as a gateway to the canoe trail.

They currently have a shortage of operating funds. There is a bond bill but they must match the funds and are running out of time to do so. They have until March to do this. Their sources of funds are: educational program fees, admission fees, membership, gift shop, foundation and government grants. They have about 40 volunteers and 6 staff members. One organization has been responsible for 75% of their operating budget. This funding has been cut off precipitating a crisis.

Karen Morley asked what they would like from MOS. Ed's response was \$5,000 for this year and \$20,000 for the year 2001. Karen noted that we might not be able to do something by December 31, 2000. This needs to be reviewed by the Gifts Committee and they will not be able to give a recommendation until our next meeting in March.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Earlier this year Karen Morley asked each committee chairman to put together a presentation for the Board explaining what their committee is doing and what plans they have for the future. Maureen Harvey, Chairman of Conservation, gave the first presentation today. Karen was looking for a volunteer for the next meeting in March. Jane Coskren, Chairman of the Atlas Committee, volunteered to give the March presentation.

Conservation: Maureen Harvey gave a report on the Conservation Committee. All of the chapters have provided the name and contact information for a conservation representative. This enables the committee to contact each chapter when an issue needs chapter action. Maureen provided information on four conservation issues: Feds Declare Virginia Horseshoe Crab Moratorium, CARA Side-stepped by Senate, Permits Denied for Proposed Douglas Point Gravel Pit, and Maryland Legislative Session Opens January 10, 2001. Her written report is attached to the minutes.

Conservation Issues

Dale Johnson handed out a report for MOS on the Mute Swan Task Force and the need to consider what our involvement should be and if MOS should develop an official position. DNA put a Mute Swan Task Force together at the request of the Governor to analyze the problem of management of the Mute Swans and come to some mutual consensus as to what should be done. There is one more meeting scheduled at which the task force hopes to have cleared up and signed off on recommendations contained in a white paper to be given to the Maryland General Assembly as a guidance paper for their impending legislation on this matter. Dale recommends: (1) MOS send an official opinion letter endorsing the Task Force findings and recommendations. (2) Members individually write letters to legislators who will vote on this issue. (3) MOS pledge help to DNR (manpower on specific projects, a fund devoted to management expenses). (4) Help with public education about swans.

Mike Bowen asked when would the task force recommendations be complete. Dale replied they have one more meeting in December and hope to have it ready for the Maryland General Assembly when it is convened in January.

Another conservation issue mentioned by Dale in her written report is the Deale Safeway and Strip Mall proposed for the town of Deal. This site and its surrounding areas are critical habitat for many types of wildlife. There is an active Bald Eagles' nest .25 of a mile from the Safeway site. DNR has noted the nest and has instructed the county to enforce an "eagles' prohibition" on construction during the nesting period of December 15 through June 15. Glenn Therres is to check out the nest for eggs in March. This is currently the only thing stopping construction. The most effective action we as birders can take is to write letters. Dale included a sample letter in her report to give us ideas and included a list of public officials that need to receive letters. Jane Coskren has a problem with Glenn Therres' name being in this letter because she feels this puts Glenn in a difficult position

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given his membership in MOS and employment by DNR. Instead she feels we should just use "spokesperson of DNR". Karen Morley concurred with Jane. Dale will check with Glenn to determine if he wants his name to appear in the letter.

Considering Dale's recommendation for MOS to send an official letter endorsing the Mute Swan Task Force's findings and recommendations on management, Karen Morley feels the MOS official position should in general support management of the mute swan. Karen is not comfortable with sending out an official opinion letter until we see the white paper. Phil Davis suggested that, after we have reviewed the plan, we could strongly support it.

Marcia Watson-Whitmyre noted Larry Fry has only received 10 responses for e-mail addresses. Karen observed that we don't have an e-mail contact for the Allegany or Tri-County Chapters. Phil Davis offered to get a contact with e-mail address for the Tri-County Chapter and Dave Harvey said he would take care of getting one for the Allegany Chapter.

Budget: Paul Zucker has had a request from Larry Fry for an increase in the Supplies budget. Currently it is \$500 but, due to a major order of stationary, Larry is requesting an additional \$200. Paul asked that the Board approve the additional \$200 for the Supplies budget. This was seconded and approved.

Also, Jane Coskren is requesting a change to the Atlas Committee budget. They have the opportunity to buy several copies of the old atlas and need \$400 for that purpose. Jane would also like an additional \$200 as a contingency budget. Paul Zucker asked for Board approval for the \$600. This was seconded and approved.

Paul noted that February 1st is the deadline for next years' budget. Each committee will automatically receive \$25. If more is needed, committee chairmen should let him know.

Conference: Mike Callahan reported our next conference will be held August 10 - 12, 2001, at Salisbury State University. We will be staying in new apartments with campus-like housing. These are four room suites with a common living room/dining room area. Rooms are going to cost approximately \$80 with four to a suite. There are going to be buffet breakfasts and lunches. Cost will be approximately \$5 for breakfast and \$10 for lunch. The Conference this year will be less expensive than last year.

Mike notes that the committee is on schedule. This year's schedule is later than last year because of having a summer rather than a spring date. This is the first time the Conference has been hosted by three chapters: Talbot, Kent, and Caroline. The first planning meeting was held in Easton and Ellen Lawler is the local Conference Chairperson.

Work in Progress: Currently 2 people are co-working on field trips. Mike would like to hear from anyone willing to lead a field trip. People are also needed to conduct workshops. They would especially like a shorebird workshop. The committee is exploring the possibility of a pelagic trip. Dale Johnson is again handling the artist exhibit and should be contacted with names of any artists who might be willing to participate. Next meeting of the Conference Committee will be at the University of Salisbury on January 13 at 10:00 a.m.

Ideas for the 2002 Conference would be welcome. Mike is looking towards Western Maryland for May 17 - 19, 2002. His

feeling is we should go alternately between holding it in schools and more formal areas such as motel conference centers.

Gifts: Sally Ann Waldschmidt's committee is still at work compiling a report on gifts to MOS over the past decade and hopes to have it completed by the March meeting. \$373,000 has come in since 1990 from about twelve different bequests counted so far. Money from EFM and World Series of Birding are not included in this figure. The committee is trying to determine where this money went and the amount. Sally Ann wants to know what we are going to do with it when it is identified. Jean Fry would like \$850 of the World Series of Birding money to offer an additional scholarship this summer. Sally Ann noted it looks like we have enough to cover this and moved we honor Jean's request. This was seconded and passed. Sally Ann also noted we average 16 scholarship applications per year. Since we have 16 Chapters, this figure would make sense.

Sally Ann handed out a draft proposal for requesting escrow funds. This explains how requests for funds are judged and how the Gifts Committee will process them. This handout stated that requests should be sent to the MOS President at our office in the Cylburn Mansion. Larry Fry, our Executive Secretary, explained to Sally Ann after the meeting that mail from this address has been forwarded to him in a rather irregular fashion which can cause lengthy delays. Karen Morley suggested that requests be mailed directly to her home address. The draft proposal has been corrected to reflect this and a copy is attached.

1. Karen Morley stated we would look at Sally Ann's procedures for the next few months, as these are pilot procedures. Requests from our members should come before requests from outside people or agencies. The flow for requests should be as follows:
2. Request is submitted to the President of MOS
3. President reviews request
4. Request is directed to the Gift Committee

Sally Ann feels the need for a Society-wide policy on gifts and hopes to have one ready for the Board's consideration at the March Board meeting. Karen Morley noted we have a lot of thinking to do with long-range planning on this issue. Carol Jelich would like us to reach out to people by explaining how their money is going to be used and what has been done with it in the past.

Library: Karen Morley reported there is a large list of names on the Publications and Mailing list for subscriptions and exchange publications. The committee is trying to put this on a more business-like basis with help from Chan Robbins and Bill Guion. A questionnaire is going to be sent to see how many want to continue to be on the list. The committee is also getting together a list of journals and other available materials to publish in the *Yellowthroat* so members are aware of what is available.

Larry Frey needs copies of the *Yellowthroat* from the early 1990's and late 1980's to help him track down the Oakley estate. Anyone who can be of help, please contact him.

Long-range Planning: Marcia Watson-Whitmyre and her committee are continuing to meet and will report at our next Board meeting.

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Publicity: Fran Saunders noted we have received \$90.12 from sales at the web site and additional funds due to the sale of a scope. Fran needs contact information from all of the chapters on their local newspapers so that press releases may be sent out to them. The Publicity Committee is also taking over the birder publicity cards and will handle the issue of logos of other organizations to be included on the cards.

Sanctuary: Dotty Mumford announced there would be a workday at Irish Grove on April 4th and one at Carey Run on April 28th. Anyone interested in helping can contact Dotty, (410) 849-8336, for more information. If you are wondering about equipment to bring, shovels, pruning shears and chain saws are always useful but not necessary. Just bring work gloves and come.

Currently the Sanctuary Committee is supposed to be made up of one representative from each chapter. This is not working and has resulted in Dotty essentially having a nonfunctioning committee. Dotty would like to have a small committee of 5 or 6 people who will work with her on projects and planning. Karen Morley agrees that something must be done to alleviate this frustrating situation and feels a lot of thought must be put into long-range planning for the next few years.

Sanctuary Project: Bob Rineer reported the need to evaluate what is required for the short term, assess the values of each sanctuary and audit the situation in the future. There are some boundary problems at Carey Run with which the Board will have to deal.

Atlas: Jane Coskren reported she has a skeleton band of people who helped with the last atlas. She hopes they will take over various parts of the work that needs to be done this time. The committee will have control over the data but cooperate with anyone else who requests information. Jane wants to make an atlas presentation at the MOS Conference and lead some walks showing how to obtain data for the atlas. She also wants to take information to the chapters explaining how to compile information for the atlas. MOS will maintain control and Jane will continue to work with Rich Dolesh at DNR.

Sales: Larry Fry announced prices are essentially staying the same for MOS items. Chapters are charged \$9 per hat, which includes sales tax. The chapter can then sell it for \$15, which includes sales tax and allows them to make a small profit. Yellow Books remain at \$2 and Field Cards at 20 cents.

Janet Millenson raised the possibility of having T-shirts and sweatshirts for special bird counts (Christmas Count, Fall Count, etc.) as a way of raising the public's awareness of the MOS presence and as a fundraiser. Larry will investigate the feasibility and cost of this.

OLD BUSINESS

MOS License Plates: Larry Fry noted that in order to obtain an MOS license plate an MOS contact person must certify that the applicant is a member. The state currently has Rich Dolesh as the contact person. Larry will have Rich's name removed and his own name substituted.

NEW BUSINESS

Problem of hunting during the Fall bird count: Norm Saunders submitted this is the Counts Committee business. The WSSC warden expressed concern of conflicts or perceived conflicts and wants to know if we could schedule the count on Sunday. Karen Morley noted this should go to the Seasonal Counts Committee headed by Bob Ringler. Karen asked Bob for a report at the next board meeting.

National Park Service is requesting data sharing: Karen Morley felt we should encourage data sharing. She has referred this matter to Bob Ringler, chairman of the Seasonal Counts Committee.

Martin Gorm requests Sanctuary Signs from MOS: Larry Fry stated Mr. Gorm contacted him concerning problems with dirt bikes near Liberty Reservoir. Mr. Gorm wants to lease ground from Baltimore City and make it a sanctuary and would like to use our signs to post on the property. Karen Morley told Larry to have Mr. Gorm contact her.

Research Papers for the 2001 Conference: Dave Brinker reported that there were no papers presented at the 2000 Conference because no one submitted any to him. He suggests we go back to the chapters and request papers for the Conference this year.

NEW ACTION ITEMS

1. E-mail contacts need to be established for all chapters. Dave Harvey will arrange an Allegany Chapter contact and Phil Davis will arrange for a Tri-County contact.
2. Suggestions are requested for the location of the 2002 Conference, possibly in Western Maryland.
3. Each chapter is to provide contact names and fax numbers for local newspapers to the Publicity Committee.
4. Each committee is to provide budget requests by February 1.
5. Larry Fry will arrange to have his name listed with the DMV for authorizing MOS license plates.
6. Each chapter should make an effort to find research presentations for the 2001 Conference.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Future Board Meeting: Mike Callahan, as chairman of the Conference Committee, offered to host the September Board meeting.

Names Needed by the Nominations Committee: Dave Harvey, Chairman of the Nominations Committee, needs names of people who might be willing to fill various Board positions. Anyone knowing the name of someone they feel could make a contribution to the Board, should give the name to Dave or one of his committee members. The committee will then contact the people to see if they would be interested in filling the available positions.

Nominations Committee Members to Contact

Dave Harvey, (410) 795-3117
Gwen Brewer, (301) 689-1150
Al Haury, (410) 923-0881
Steve Pretl, (202) 387-4518
Pat Wilson, (410) 778-1005

President Karen Morley declared the meeting adjourned at 1:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Janet Shields
Secretary

The MOS Conference is a "Shore Thing"

Salisbury — August 10 – 12, 2001.

by Mike Callahan

Make sure you are not the last one to mark your calendar for the 56th Annual MOS Conference in Salisbury from August 10 – 12, 2001. Fall migration will be underway and you would not want to miss out on this fun filled birding weekend on the Eastern Shore.

Our Keynote Speakers, nationally famous birders and authors **Don and Lillian Stokes** will speak after the Friday dinner. The Stokes' are well known for their books, magazine columns and TV show Stokes Birds at Home. Their presentation is titled "The Joy of Birding" and it will cover topics of interest to all levels of birders. They will hold a book signing following the program and are even looking forward to the chance to bird the Shore with us.

Salisbury's central location allows for field trips to Delmarva's birding hot spots. Fieldtrips to Bombay Hook and Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuges, Deal Island Wildlife Management Area, the MOS sanctuary at Irish Grove and local sod farms will focus on **shorebirds**. We will also search for the many **neotropical migratory species** present in the woods of Delmarva along Nassawango Creek, Furnacetown, the Pocomoke River, Pemberton Park, and at mid-shore sites. In addition, there will be **half-day boat trips** leaving from Crisfield and Ocean City with **additional charges for the boat trips, which must be paid at the time of registration**. The **Sinepuxent Bay Trip** in a covered Pontoon Boat from will go to Skimmer Island and the bayside of Assateague Island looking for Gulls, Terns, Brown Pelicans, Herons, Egrets, various shore birds, and possibly Piping Plovers. Boat time will be approximately 2 hours and the cost will be **\$20.00** per person. The **Crisfield Exploring** trip will explore the waters and remote islands of the Tangier sound area of the Chesapeake Bay looking for marsh birds, Herons and other Chesapeake Bay specialties on a large semi-covered boat. Trip will be on Saturday morning followed by afternoon land birding at various Somerset County locations. The Crisfield trip will cost **\$5.00** per person. Paula Ecker has volunteered to take registration for the boat trips, so please send your boat trip registration form to her.

Our Registrar has the difficult job ahead of her with the taking your registrations and assigning apartment rooms. To make her job easier, we have a few requests of you. The number of rooms in the apartments is limited, so if you want to take advantage of the great Conference package rates, you should register early. You can check out the floor plans of the apartments on the MOS web site at www.mdbirds.org. If you wish to share an apartment with your spouse and/or specific friends, please send all registration forms and checks to the Registrar in the same envelope. But you don't have to have specific "apartment

mates" lined up to take advantage of the lower 4 per unit rate, just indicate that on your registration form and you will be paired up with others of the same sex.

The Conference Planning Committee is still in need of your assistance to help make this Conference successful. If you are willing to lead a field trip call Sam Dyke at 410-742-5479, or e-mail Allen Deward at atal5@earthlink.net.

Janelle Dietrich is in search of volunteers to help with the Silent Auction for any amount of time on Friday and on Saturday until it ends. You can also contact her to donate Silent Auction or Raffle items at 301-249-7155 or lovewhales@cccconline.net.

The Local Artist's Display under the organization of Dale Johnson will again feature the talents of a variety of local wildlife/nature artist's. If you would like to help Dale with art sitting, please contact Dale at 410-867-7743 or CKADJ@juno.com

Research Paper Presentations are being organized by Dave Brinker and Gwen Brewer. If you have know of a potential presenters, contact Dave at 410-744-8359 or dbrinker@BELLATLANTIC.net or Gwen at wigeons@hotmail.com.

Please contact Local Conference Coordinator Ellen Lawler at 410-546-9056 or Emlawler@ssu.edu or Statewide Conference Chairman Mike Callahan at 301-490-9318 or raptorsrule@juno.com with any questions you have about the Annual MOS Conference, 2000. We look forward to you joining us for a "Shore Thing" in Salisbury in August!

Conference Registration Options and Costs

\$165 - Room with 4 per apartment, 2 breakfasts, 2 lunches, and two dinners, registration including Wine and Cheese Social.

\$185 - Room with 3 per apartment, 2 breakfasts, 2 lunches, and two dinners, registration including Wine and Cheese Social.

\$190 - Room with 2 per apartment, 2 breakfasts, 2 lunches, and two dinners, registration including Wine and Cheese Social.

\$250 - Room with 1 per apartment, 2 breakfasts, 2 lunches, and two dinners, registration including Wine and Cheese Social.

\$100 per person - Registration 2 breakfasts, 2 lunches, and two dinners, registration including Wine and Cheese Social.

\$75 - 2 dinners, registration including Wine & Cheese Social.

\$37 - Conference Registration including Wine & Cheese Social.

Some of these room options are not listed in the brochure, but will be available. You may contact the Conference Registrar with questions.

Maryland/DC Records Committee Status Report as of April 1, 2001

by Phil Davis, MD/DCRC Secretary

The sighting reports below have changed status since the last committee decision summary was published in the *Maryland Yellowthroat* (MD/DC record numbers are in parenthesis). This summary covers MD/DCRC review packages 74 through 76.

MD Records Accepted:

Pacific Loon (#1999-201)

Susquehanna River, Harford County,
November 12, 1999-November 29, 1999.

Eared Grebe (#1997-741)

Funkstown WWTP, Washington County,
September 19, 1997.

Eared Grebe (#1997-742)

Rouge Lagon, Allegany County,
September 21, 1997.

American White Pelican (#1999-184)

Violette's Lock, Montgomery County,
March 1, 1998.

American White Pelican (#1999-045)

Fort Smallwood Park, Anne Arundel County,
May 25, 1999.

American White Pelican (#1999-164)

Potomac River @ Oxon Run, Prince George's County,
August 17, 1999-September 21, 1999.

Great Cormorant (#1997-739)

Black Hills Reservoir, Montgomery County,
April 22, 1994.

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MD/DC RECORDS COMMITTEE REPORT*(continued from previous page)***White-faced Ibis (#1999-038)**

Truitts Landing Road, Worcester County,
May 2, 1999-May 9, 1999.

Harlequin Duck (#1997-670)

Conowingo Dam, Harford County,
December 29, 1989-January 3, 1990.

Swallow-tailed Kite (#1996-011)

Turkey Point, Cecil County,
October 13, 1995.

Swallow-tailed Kite (#2000-018)

Tuckahoe State Park, Caroline County,
April 7, 2000.

Mississippi Kite (#1997-291)

Suitland, Prince George's County,
May 17, 1995.

Black-legged Kittiwake (#1997-586)

Seneca, Montgomery County,
October 19, 1996.

White-winged Dove (#1997-485)

Marumsco, Somerset County,
June 10, 1970.

Scissor-tailed Flycatcher (#1997-738)

Blockhouse Point, Montgomery County,
May 3, 1997.

MD Records Not Accepted:**Yellow-billed Loon (#1998-018)**

St. George's Island, Saint Mary's County,
March 12, 1998-March 27, 1998.

White-faced Ibis (#1997-753)

Loch Raven Reservoir, Baltimore County,
April 29, 1981-May 6, 1981.

Bewick's Swan (#1997-426)

Claiborne, Talbot County,
March 15, 1971.

Mississippi Kite (#1997-366)

Ridge, Saint Mary's County,
September 18, 1995.

Mississippi Kite (#1997-472)

Jug Bay Wetlands Sanctuary, Anne Arundel County,
June 1, 1996.

DC Records Accepted:**American White Pelican (#1999-165)**

Potomac River @ Wilson Bridge, DC,
August 17, 1999.

Yellow-legged Gull (#1997-188)

Georgetown Reservoir, DC,
December 25, 1994-December 28, 1994.

MOS State and Locality List Report - 2000**by Phil Davis**

This year marks the fifteenth time the MOS has compiled state and locality list totals submitted by its members. This year, 90 observers submitted list totals, up six from last year. Of these 90, nine were first-time submitters (up one from last year). Currently 180 observers are in the database, reflecting that not everyone submits updated list totals each year. Forty-five observers now have list totals that are more than five years old and these totals have been removed from the compilation.

Administrative Notes

State Maximum Numbers: "Maximum" locality numbers represent the total number of species reported in a given jurisdiction. The "state" maximums used in this report come from the current versions of the *Official List of the Birds of Maryland*, and the *Official List of the Birds of the District of Columbia*. These lists can be found on the MD/DC Records Committee web site at: <http://www.MDBirds.org/mddrc/rcindex.html>.

County Maximum Numbers: County maximum totals are taken from the County List Status report, found on the MOS web site at: <http://www.MDBirds.org/colists.html>.

These totals, however, were not updated last year, so some of the maximum numbers may not be entirely accurate. All county listers should ensure that this list is kept up to date. Please advise Marshall Iliff at Miliff@aol.com of any new county species. Jo Solem advised me directly that the Howard County list increased by four last year to a new total of 293. The new additions include Mississippi Kite; Black-necked Stilt; *Selasphorus*, species; and Bicknell's Thrush.

State Lists

Maryland Lifetime List. Paul O'Brien (Montgomery) still holds the top position in Maryland with 379, followed closely by Mark Hoffman (Carroll) at 378. Mark added two new species during the year to close the gap to only one behind Paul. Jim Stasz (Calvert) added four to his total to move within striking distance of three behind Paul at 376. Three pelagic trips out of Lewes, DE (into MD waters) gave Jim two of his new species—Manx Shearwater and South Polar Skua.

In the 2000 **Maryland Year List** category, Marshall Iliff took the top spot with 320 species for the year. The only other person to equal 300 was Matt Hafner (Harford) who turned in a triple-century total (300) for the year.

Ottavio Janni, although out of the country, remained at the top of the **DC Lifetime List** this year with 259 species. Rob Hilton (Montgomery) added 15 to his DC total to move his total up to 251. Paul Pisano (VA) topped the **DC Year List** category with 197 species found in 2000.

Yard Lists

A "yard" list is the number of species seen in or from the property that is contiguous to one's residence. Over the years, people have adopted other "yards" for listing, so I ask respondents to indicate if their yard count is from their home, work, or some other location. I use a strict definition of a personal home "yard" and list all others in a separate "Work/Other" list.

At the top of the **Maryland Lifetime Yard List** this year, Harry Armistead (PA) remains the leader and added two new species to his total, yielding 260 species seen at his weekend home in Talbot County. He added a Common Merganser and Bicknell's Thrush that he banded back in 1975. Even though this species was split several years ago, he only recently had an opportunity to check his banding records, including the diagnostic wing chord measurements. Marshall Iliff remained in second place with 209 yard species, and Jim Stasz held down third place with 208, adding an Eastern Meadowlark to his list.

In the annual **Maryland Year Yard List** category, Harry Armistead again led this year's charge by finding 159 species in his Talbot County yard during 2000. Second spot honors went to Patty Craig of Saint

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Mary's County. Patty ticked off 133 for the year. Bonnie Ott (Howard) identified 122 yard species for the year.

In the **Maryland "Work/Other" Yard List** category, there were no leader changes this year. Dave Webb (Harford) predicts that his Aberdeen Proving Ground work list will stall for two years while he finishes graduate school. Peter Osenton enlarged the scope of his "work" yard at Patuxent Wildlife Research Center in Laurel, expanding it from just the original Prince George's County "Central Tract" to the entire property, including the Anne Arundel County "North Tract". With this increase, he added four new species (Anhinga, Wild Turkey, Least Tern, and Cliff Swallow), bringing his total to 209.

County Listing

In the **"All County"** category (species seen in all 23 Maryland counties), Jim Stasz (Calvert) added two new species "closeouts" to his list to raise his total to 154. Marshall Iliff added six "closeouts" during the year for a new total of 117. Jim reported that he is more closely targeting this year—and provided the following example. On August 14th, he watched the weather radar during the day and decided that there would be some nice rain-flooded fields in Kent County, and headed there after work. He was right and near Massey he found two nice fields and was rewarded with 49 Black-bellied Plover, 9 Semipalmated Plover, 34 Killdeer, 2 Greater Yellowlegs, 81 Lesser Yellowlegs, 8 Semipalmated Sandpiper, 23 Least Sandpiper, 17 Pectoral Sandpiper, and 6 Upland Sandpiper. The Semipalmated Plover was an All County "closeout". Jim also reported that three Big Day efforts also helped his annual totals—Eastern Shore Big Days were in January and March; a state-wide Big Day was in July.

Allegany County. Jim Paulus hold top honors with 273 county species. He added four new species to his county life list: Pine Grosbeak, Summer Tanager, Sedge Wren, and Northern Shrike. John Churchill (WV) reported 185 species for the year.

Anne Arundel County. Jim Stasz added one new species for a lifetime total of 285. For the annual honors, Rod Burley (Prince George's) again capped the list with 206.

In **Baltimore City/County**, there were no changes in the order or totals at the top of the lifetime list totals. For 2000 Shirley Geddes (Baltimore) found 163 species in the county for the year.

Calvert County. Jim Stasz added one new species to his home county life list, bringing his total to 294. Sue Hamilton (Calvert) added five new species to her county life total to raise her number to 234 and to move into second place. During 2000, Arlene Ripley turned in 196 county species for the year, besting Sue's 193.

In **Caroline County**, there were no order changes, however Jim Stasz continued on a roll from last year and added a count of 15 species to his life list for a new total of 234. For the year, Dave Perry (Anne Arundel) ticked off 155 species for 2000.

Carroll County. Again, there were no changes in the order of the listers here. Dave Perry reported 133 species for the year.

In **Cecil County**, the top two positions remained the same, however, Marcia Watson-Whitmyre (Cecil) added two new species to her county list to bring her total to 257. Leslie Fisher (Cecil) bested Marcia this year in the annual department with 212 to Marcia's 197. First time reporter, Parke John (Cecil) tallied 181 for the year.

Charles County. County resident George remained in first place, however, resident Paul Nistico added one to his life total and now ties Jim Stasz at 230 for second.

In **Dorchester County**, Harry Armistead (PA) added five new species to his Dorchester list. Harry's new Dorchester total is now 296. In 2000, Harry found also 219 species in the county for the year. New species added this year included Wilson's Storm-Petrel, Eared Grebe, the Hooper's Island Sandhill Crane. Harry also reported two retrospective additions (actually encountered in prior years): a flyover Yellow Rail from a few years ago, and a previously banded Bicknell's

Thrush.

In **Frederick County**, leader Paul O'Brien (Montgomery) kept his top spot with 257. Michael Welsh (Frederick) took the top year county list honors with 199 species, one more than he recorded last year.

Garrett County. During 2000, Jim Stasz found 172 species for the year and in the process added five to his lifetime county total for a new total of 219. Marshall Iliff added thirteen making his new county life total 217 and Bob Ringle (Carroll) added four, lifting his life total to 200. For the year, Jim Stasz reported 172 and JB Churchill (WV) tallied 168 in the county.

Harford County. There were no changes in the life list totals for the county this year. In the annual total department, Dave Powell (Harford) bested the field with 209 for the year.

Howard County. There were no changes in the order at the top of this list this year, however residents Jo Solem added three to her total and Jane Coskren added two for new top position totals of 271 and 261, respectively. Helen Zeichner (Howard) holds the third position with 257 and Bonnie Ott (Howard) added four new species to her county life list, making her total 254. Bonnie, again, took the top year list spot with 205, followed by Jo Solem with 197, Mary-Jo Betts (Howard) with 194, Rod Burley with 186, and Kurt Schwartz (Howard) with 169.

Kent County. No changes in the leadership order this year. Resident Floyd Parks still commands the top of the list with 278. Jim Stasz increased his lifetime total by three to 228.

Montgomery County. No changes at the top of the life list for the county, however, leader Paul O'Brien added one new species to increase his lifetime county total to 285. For 2000, top honors again go to local Andy Rabin (Montgomery) with 177 species for the year.

In **Prince George's County**, Jim Stasz has now tied John Gregoire (NY) in the top county life list spot at 261. For 2000, top honors go to Rod Burley with 183 species with Fred Shaffer (Anne Arundel) in second place with 179.

Queen Anne's County. Jim Stasz added three to his life list for the county, reporting 252 species. In the 2000 department, county resident Danny Poet listed 178 for the year.

Saint Mary's County. Resident birder Patty Craig remains at the top of the lifetime list for the county. Patty added one new species (Brant) to her county life list total closing out at 302. Kyle Rambo (Saint Mary's) remained in second place with 300. For the year, Patty ticked off 251 species (same as for last year) for the year and Kyle had 238.

In **Somerset County**, Jim Stasz found 170 species during 2000, two of them were new, raising his life total to 270. Sam Dyke (Wicomico) added two new species to his lifetime county total, for a new total of 250.

Talbot County. No changes occurred this year in the leader's positions. For 2000, Wayne Bell again led all county listers with 183 for the year—another new Talbot year record—breaking his own record from last year. Harry Armistead followed with 174 for the year.

Washington County. Jim Stasz added three species to his county life list, bringing his total to 216. Jim also tallied 103 species in the county for the year.

In **Wicomico County**, resident Sam Dyke added four species to his county life list for a new total of 283. Don and Carol Broderick (Wicomico) increased their county life lists during 2000—Don added nine for a new total of 270 and Carol added ten to bring her total to 267. Sam also reported 208 species for 2000 while Don and Carol each tallied 187 for the year.

Worcester County. Mr. "Worcester County", Mark Hoffman (Carroll), added three new species to his county lifetime total leading the pack at 348. Sam Dyke added three new species to his county life total, ending at 342. The top annual list total for 2000 goes to Jim Stasz, racking up 269 in the county for the year.

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Fun Lists

Kyle Rambo does it again ... he submitted two new fun lists. One of them is based on Les Eastman's challenge of "**Birds Seen/Heard at Kids' Soccer Games and Practice**". How many did he identify, you ask? Ninety-two species (!). Kyle reports that now he is actually looking forward to the spring season so he can try to break 100 species. Kyle adds, as a note to Les, that he is actually under a bit of a handicap since he's not just sitting in the bleachers ... he's coaching!

The other list? "**Birds Seen at a Baltimore Orioles Baseball Game**". Kyle reports that 24 species were all seen (mostly flyovers) from Oriole's Stadium during a single game. Species seen include: D-C Cormorant, Great Blue Heron, Canada Goose, Mallard, Turkey Vulture, Osprey, Red-tailed Hawk, Killdeer, Laughing Gull, Ring-billed Gull, Herring Gull, Great Black-backed Gull, Rock Dove, Mourning Dove, Common Nighthawk, Chimney Swift, Ruby-throated Hummingbird, Barn Swallow, American Crow, Fish Crow, Northern Mockingbird, European Starling, House Finch, and House Sparrow. Oh yes, Kyle also reported four Odonata species: Swamp Darner, Black Saddlebags, Carolina (Red) Saddlebags, and Common Darner.

Tree Lists: Peter Osenton added five new species to his "**Tree List**" for his large pin oak off the deck at this home in Anne Arundel County. To date, he has found 54 species in that tree. Danny Poet also started a "Tree List"—for a flowering crab apple tree visible from the kitchen window of his Queen Anne's County home. To date, he has recorded 32 species in that tree.

It's been fun doing this for the last 11 years ... but next year I'm turning the List Report compilation tasks over to Norm Saunders so I can spend more time on the MD/DC Records Committee work. Thanks to all of you!

Good birding to all in 2001!

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Locality Abbreviations and Maximums

Abbr	Locality	Max
MD	Maryland State	415
DC	District of Columbia	314
Ac	All-County	226
Algy	Allegany County	283
AnAr	Anne Arundel County	331
Balt	Baltimore City/County	332
Clvt	Calvert County	301
Crln	Caroline County	289
Carr	Carroll County	277
Cecl	Cecil County	290
Chas	Charles County	282
Dorc	Dorchester County	316
Fdrk	Frederick County	288
Grtt	Garrett County	276
Hrfd	Harford County	297
Hwrd	Howard County	293
Kent	Kent County	300
Mont	Montgomery County	308
PGeo	Prince George's County	317
QuAn	Queen Anne's County	300
StMa	Saint Mary's County	314
Smst	Somerset County	302
Tlbt	Talbot County	311
Wash	Washington County	260
Wico	Wicomico County	288
Worc	Worcester County	373

Maryland State Max = 415

Name	Home	Life	2000
O'Brien, Paul	Mont	379	254
Hoffman, Mark	Carr	378	-
Stasz, Jim	Clvt	376	-
O'Brien, Michael	(NJ)	371	-
Mudd, Harvey	Mont	365	-
Pisano, Paul	(VA)	365	-
Gregoire, John	(NY)	364	-
Kaestner, Hank	Balt	362	-
Blom, Rick	Hrfd	360	-
Dyke, Samuel	Wico	357	-
Todd, Mary Ann	Mont	357	262
Jett, George	Chas	356	-
Ringler, Bob	Carr	356	-
Klimkiewicz, Kathy	PGeo	353	-
Davidson, Lynn	AnAr	352	-
Iliff, Marshall	AnAr	345	320
Slaughter, Eddie	Balt	345	190
Davis, Phil	AnAr	344	-
Kleen, Richard	Tlbt	344	-
Weigant, Leo	AnAr	344	277
Coskren, Jane	Hwrd	342	183
Broderick, Donald	Wico	340	240
Broderick, Carol	Wico	338	241
Janni, Ottavio	DC	337	-
Saunders, Norman	Mont	336	194
Armistead, Henry	(PA)	335	227
Mudd, Marion	Mont	334	-
Rambo, Kyle	StMa	332	-
Saunders, Frances	Mont	332	-
Solem, Jo	Hwrd	326	-
Harvey, Dave	Carr	325	-
Craig, Patty	StMa	319	258
Kirschbaum, Elliot	Balt	319	-
Oberman, Lola	Mont	319	-
Osenton, Peter	AnAr	319	-
Churchill, John	(WV)	318	288
Geddes, Shirley	Balt	318	193
Hilton, Robert	Mont	318	-
Sanford, Steve	Balt	318	-
Mumford, Dotty	AnAr	317	-
Hafner, Matt	Hrfd	315	300
Vaughn, Charles	Wico	315	-
Nistico, Paul	Chas	313	181
Perry, David	AnAr	313	244
Haury, Allan	AnAr	311	-
Kirkwood, Dennis	Hrfd	310	-
Vaughn, Gail	Wico	310	-
Jenkins, Kye	Balt	309	-
Arnold, Stan	AnAr	308	285
Parks, Floyd	Kent	308	-
Wortman, John	Hrfd	308	-
Armistead, George	(PA)	307	270
Hoffman, Amy	Carr	305	-
Meritt, Don	Tlbt	305	-
Walbeck, David	AnAr	305	-
Magnusson, Nancy	Hwrd	304	-
Bell, Tyler	StMa	302	-
Hamilton, Sue	Clvt	302	238
Kostenko, Jane	StMa	299	-
Swift, Byron	DC	298	-
Miller, Greg	(OH)	296	-
Stephen, Wade	PGeo	296	-
Stirrat, Chuck	Hwrd	296	-
Kagarise, Ron	PGeo	295	-
Schaff, Frank	Fdrk	295	-
Coskren, Dennis	Hwrd	294	163
Welch, Michael	Fdrk	292	229
Ford, Stephen	Tlbt	291	-
Burley, Rod	PGeo	290	229
Watson-Whitmyre, Marcia	Cecl	289	237
Zeichner, Helen	Hwrd	289	-
Youth, Howard	Mont	288	-
Powell, David	Hrfd	287	270
Alexander, Burton	Hwrd	286	-

Maryland State Max = 415 (cont.)

Hewitt, Marvin	Crln	286	-
Mahanres, Hugh	Mont	286	-
Homan, Dick	Mont	285	-
Nistico, Pat	Chas	285	-
Bowen, Michael	Mont	284	236
Collins, John	Wash	284	-
Therres, Glenn	QuAn	280	-
Barnes, Wain	PGeo	279	-
Bowen, Joy	Mont	279	204
Davis, Barbara	AnAr	279	-
Pfingsten, Bill	Hrfd	279	-
Weesner, Dave	Wash	279	-
Bell, Wayne	Tlbt	278	236
Ott, Bonnie	Hwrdr	278	230
Ecker, Darius	Hwrdr	277	-
Fisher, Leslie	Cecl	267	246
Solem, Bob	Hwrdr	267	-
Betts, Mary-Jo	Hwrdr	266	213
Ripley, Arlene	Clvt	264	221
Wallace, David	Fdrk	263	-
Martin, Gail	Balt	257	-
Roslund, Les	Tlbt	255	-
Shaffer, Fred	AnAr	252	223
Poet, Danny	QuAn	251	230
Finley, Charles	Fdrk	250	-
Wood, Robert	Balt	248	-
Bowser, Bill	Balt	244	-
Bowser, Deb	Balt	244	-
Patton, Helen	Mont	240	212
Drier, Kenneth	Cecl	234	-
Schindler, Lydia	Mont	232	-
Rabin, Andy	Mont	228	195
Wlasniewski, Matt	(PA)	227	-
Grimm, Phyllis	Balt	224	-
Hartman, Bob	Mont	221	-
Hartman, Toni	Mont	221	-
Schwartz, Kurt	Hwrdr	219	196
John, Parke	Cecl	217	182
Kerwin, Michael	Hwrdr	217	-
Farner, David	Hwrdr	210	185

District of Columbia Max = 314

Name	Home	Life	2000
Janni, Ottavio	DC	259	-
Hilton, Robert	Mont	251	135
Gregoire, John	(NY)	238	-
Pisano, Paul	(VA)	235	197
Todd, Mary Ann	Mont	232	-
Swift, Byron	DC	228	-
Shannon, Lisa	Mont	198	-
Bowen, Michael	Mont	194	151
Saunders, Norman	Mont	163	-

Allegany County Max = 283

Name	Home	Life	2000
Paulus, Jim	Algy	273	-
Kiddy, Ray	Algy	232	181
Stasz, Jim	Clvt	215	139
Ringler, Bob	Carr	214	-
Churchill, John	(WV)	204	185
Iliff, Marshall	AnAr	197	-
Gregoire, John	(NY)	190	-
Blom, Rick	Hrfd	171	-
Sanford, Steve	Balt	166	-
O'Brien, Michael	(NJ)	164	-
Mudd, Harvey	Mont	161	-
Harvey, Dave	Carr	157	-
Walbeck, David	AnAr	157	30
Mudd, Marion	Mont	145	-

Anne Arundel County Max = 331

Name	Home	Life	2000
Stasz, Jim	Clvt	285	102
Hoffman, Mark	Carr	274	-
Iliff, Marshall	AnAr	266	-
Davidson, Lynn	AnAr	260	-

Anne Arundel County Max = 331 (cont.)

Blom, Rick	Hrfd	258	-
Mumford, Dotty	AnAr	256	-
Perry, David	AnAr	243	161
Burley, Rod	PGeo	242	206
Ringler, Bob	Carr	230	-
Haury, Allan	AnAr	227	-
Mudd, Harvey	Mont	224	-
Gregoire, John	(NY)	223	-
Walbeck, David	AnAr	214	127
Davis, Phil	AnAr	212	-
Arnold, Stan	AnAr	210	185
Osenton, Peter	AnAr	202	-
Nistico, Paul	Chas	193	-
Alexander, Burton	Hwrdr	190	-
O'Brien, Michael	(NJ)	187	-
Geddes, Shirley	Balt	182	116
Mudd, Marion	Mont	176	-
Sanford, Steve	Balt	174	-
Harvey, Dave	Carr	173	-

Baltimore City/County Max = 332

Name	Home	Life	2000
Kaestner, Hank	Balt	319	-
Blom, Rick	Hrfd	308	-
Stasz, Jim	Clvt	305	139
Ringler, Bob	Carr	297	-
Terry, Deborah	Balt	283	-
Geddes, Shirley	Balt	268	163
Slaughter, Eddie	Balt	265	-
Jenkins, Kye	Balt	255	-
Mudd, Harvey	Mont	247	-
Walbeck, David	AnAr	246	115
Kirschbaum, Elliot	Balt	243	-
Sanford, Steve	Balt	240	-
Harvey, Dave	Carr	226	-
Iliff, Marshall	AnAr	226	-
Mudd, Marion	Mont	220	-
O'Brien, Michael	(NJ)	218	-
Alexander, Burton	Hwrdr	212	-
Hoffman, Mark	Carr	207	-
Jett, George	Chas	189	-
Davidson, Lynn	AnAr	183	-
Gregoire, John	(NY)	166	-

Calvert County Max = 301

Name	Home	Life	2000
Stasz, Jim	Clvt	294	141
Hamilton, Sue	Clvt	234	193
Iliff, Marshall	AnAr	233	-
Gregoire, John	(NY)	232	-
Ripley, Arlene	Clvt	230	196
Blom, Rick	Hrfd	214	-
Bell, Tyler	StMa	211	-
Ringler, Bob	Carr	208	-
Rambo, Kyle	StMa	202	-
Mudd, Harvey	Mont	191	-
Craig, Patty	StMa	188	-
Davis, Phil	AnAr	175	-
Jett, George	Chas	171	-
Nistico, Paul	Chas	171	-
Perry, David	AnAr	165	-
Mumford, Dotty	AnAr	163	-
Sanford, Steve	Balt	159	-

Caroline County Max = 289

Name	Home	Life	2000
Hewitt, Marvin	Crln	243	-
Stasz, Jim	Clvt	234	147
Iliff, Marshall	AnAr	214	-
Ringler, Bob	Carr	200	-
Mudd, Harvey	Mont	189	-
Ford, Stephen	Tlbt	188	-
Blom, Rick	Hrfd	175	-
Meritt, Don	Tlbt	174	-
Perry, David	AnAr	173	155
O'Brien, Michael	(NJ)	172	-

Caroline County Max = 289 (cont.)				
Gregoire, John	(NY)	161	-	
Sanford, Steve	Balt	152	-	
Mudd, Marion	Mont	150	-	

Carroll County Max = 277				
Name	Home	Life	2000	
Ringler, Bob	Carr	269	-	
Blom, Rick	Hrfd	250	-	
Harvey, Dave	Carr	240	-	
Stasz, Jim	Clvt	233	97	
Hoffman, Mark	Carr	206	-	
Iliff, Marshall	AnAr	197	-	
Mudd, Harvey	Mont	191	-	
Sanford, Steve	Balt	181	-	
Stirrat, Chuck	Hwrd	172	-	
Alexander, Burton	Hwrd	170	-	
Mudd, Marion	Mont	168	-	
Gregoire, John	(NY)	161	-	
Perry, David	AnAr	149	133	
Jett, George	Chas	146	-	
Walbeck, David	AnAr	143	35	
Kirschbaum, Elliot	Balt	140	-	
Jenkins, Kye	Balt	139	-	

Cecil County Max = 290				
Name	Home	Life	2000	
Griffith, Gary	Cecl	258	-	
Watson-Whitmyre, Marcia	Cecl	257	197	
Blom, Rick	Hrfd	246	-	
Fisher, Leslie	Cecl	241	212	
Stasz, Jim	Clvt	240	46	
Drier, Kenneth	Cecl	214	-	
John, Parke	Cecl	207	181	
Ringler, Bob	Carr	207	-	
Mudd, Harvey	Mont	201	-	
Iliff, Marshall	AnAr	198	-	
Mudd, Marion	Mont	174	-	
Sanford, Steve	Balt	173	-	
Harvey, Dave	Carr	158	-	
Hafner, Matt	Hrfd	157	-	
Griffith, Dylan	Cecl	154	-	
Powell, David	Hrfd	154	129	
Gregoire, John	(NY)	152	-	
Jett, George	Chas	149	-	

Charles County Max = 282				
Name	Home	Life	2000	
Jett, George	Chas	250	-	
Nistico, Paul	Chas	230	-	
Stasz, Jim	Clvt	230	69	
Gregoire, John	(NY)	216	-	
Iliff, Marshall	AnAr	200	-	
Ringler, Bob	Carr	197	-	
Mudd, Harvey	Mont	195	-	
Rambo, Kyle	StMa	195	-	
Blom, Rick	Hrfd	185	-	
Perry, David	AnAr	159	-	
Mudd, Marion	Mont	158	-	
Sanford, Steve	Balt	157	-	
Burley, Rod	PGeo	155	-	
Craig, Patty	StMa	155	-	
Davidson, Lynn	AnAr	146	-	

Dorchester County Max = 316				
Name	Home	Life	2000	
Armistead, Henry	(PA)	296	219	
Stasz, Jim	Clvt	264	126	
O'Brien, Michael	(NJ)	252	-	
Ford, Stephen	Tlbt	251	-	
Armistead, George	(PA)	250	-	
Dyke, Samuel	Wico	249	-	
Ringler, Bob	Carr	244	-	
Iliff, Marshall	AnAr	237	-	
Meritt, Don	Tlbt	233	-	
Blom, Rick	Hrfd	220	-	
Mudd, Harvey	Mont	217	-	

Dorchester County Max = 316 (cont.)				
Gregoire, John	(NY)	213	-	
O'Brien, Paul	Mont	213	-	
Churchill, John	(WV)	205	-	
Davidson, Lynn	AnAr	205	-	
Hoffman, Mark	Carr	203	-	
Homan, Dick	Mont	194	-	
Sanford, Steve	Balt	183	-	
Todd, Mary Ann	Mont	183	-	
Harvey, Dave	Carr	179	-	
Perry, David	AnAr	178	-	
Mudd, Marion	Mont	175	-	
Jett, George	Chas	173	-	
Mumford, Dotty	AnAr	164	-	
Arnold, Stan	AnAr	158	145	

Frederick County Max = 288				
Name	Home	Life	2000	
O'Brien, Paul	Mont	257	-	
Welch, Michael	Fdrk	249	199	
Mudd, Harvey	Mont	234	-	
Wallace, David	Fdrk	233	-	
Finley, Charles	Fdrk	232	-	
O'Brien, Michael	(NJ)	225	-	
Stasz, Jim	Clvt	223	107	
Cornelius, Ian	Fdrk	221	-	
Ringler, Bob	Carr	220	-	
Blom, Rick	Hrfd	213	-	
Harvey, Dave	Carr	207	-	
Mudd, Marion	Mont	206	-	
Janni, Ottavio	DC	199	-	
Gregoire, John	(NY)	196	-	
Schaff, Frank	Fdrk	196	-	
Mahanres, Hugh	Mont	189	-	
Davidson, Lynn	AnAr	187	-	
Iliff, Marshall	AnAr	185	-	
Oberman, Lola	Mont	177	-	
Sanford, Steve	Balt	176	-	
Bowen, Michael	Mont	163	100	
Burley, Rod	PGeo	163	140	
Perry, David	AnAr	161	-	
Homan, Dick	Mont	154	-	
Churchill, John	(WV)	152	-	
Jett, George	Chas	152	-	
Stirrat, Chuck	Hwrd	150	-	
Bowen, Joy	Mont	149	49	
Mumford, Dotty	AnAr	147	-	
Swift, Byron	DC	146	-	

Garrett County Max = 276				
Name	Home	Life	2000	
Stasz, Jim	Clvt	219	172	
Iliff, Marshall	AnAr	217	-	
Ringler, Bob	Carr	200	-	
Churchill, John	(WV)	197	168	
Walbeck, David	AnAr	182	89	
O'Brien, Michael	(NJ)	179	-	
Blom, Rick	Hrfd	174	-	
Hafner, Matt	Hrfd	165	-	
O'Brien, Paul	Mont	165	-	
Jett, George	Chas	164	-	
Sanford, Steve	Balt	162	-	
Mumford, Dotty	AnAr	158	-	
Harvey, Dave	Carr	155	-	
Gregoire, John	(NY)	152	-	
Mudd, Harvey	Mont	145	-	
Hoffman, Mark	Carr	143	-	
Davidson, Lynn	AnAr	139	-	

Harford County Max = 297				
Name	Home	Life	2000	
Blom, Rick	Hrfd	284	-	
Wortman, John	Hrfd	273	-	
Webb, Dave	Hrfd	261	-	
Kirkwood, Dennis	Hrfd	252	-	
Stasz, Jim	Clvt	241	110	

Harford County Max = 297 (cont.)

Hafner, Matt	Hrfd	236	217
Pfingsten, Bill	Hrfd	226	-
Powell, David	Hrfd	224	209
Ringler, Bob	Carr	223	-
Mudd, Harvey	Mont	211	-
Iliff, Marshall	AnAr	186	-
Mudd, Marion	Mont	185	-
Sanford, Steve	Balt	178	-
Gregoire, John	(NY)	176	-
Perry, David	AnAr	166	153
Jenkins, Kye	Balt	160	-
Harvey, Dave	Carr	149	-

Howard County Max = 293

Name	Home	Life	2000
Solem, Jo	Hwrdr	271	197
Coskren, Jane	Hwrdr	261	158
Zeichner, Helen	Hwrdr	257	-
Ott, Bonnie	Hwrdr	254	205
Magnusson, Nancy	Hwrdr	252	-
Harvey, Dave	Carr	239	-
Betts, Mary-Jo	Hwrdr	235	194
Stirratt, Chuck	Hwrdr	232	158
Osenton, Peter	AnAr	230	-
Solem, Bob	Hwrdr	230	-
Ecker, Darius	Hwrdr	223	-
Stasz, Jim	Clvt	222	44
Burley, Rod	PGeo	220	186
Ringler, Bob	Carr	220	-
Kerwin, Michael	Hwrdr	214	-
Alexander, Burton	Hwrdr	210	-
Mudd, Harvey	Mont	209	-
Blom, Rick	Hrfd	205	-
Davis, Phil	AnAr	205	-
Coskren, Dennis	Hwrdr	201	129
Schwartz, Kurt	Hwrdr	201	169
Iliff, Marshall	AnAr	198	-
Saunders, Norman	Mont	179	-
Gregoire, John	(NY)	178	-
Newman, Carol	Hwrdr	174	-
Sanford, Steve	Balt	170	-
Bowen, Michael	Mont	168	86
Perry, David	AnAr	165	152
Mudd, Marion	Mont	164	-

Kent County Max = 300

Name	Home	Life	2000
Parks, Floyd	Kent	278	-
Stasz, Jim	Clvt	228	123
Ringler, Bob	Carr	205	-
Iliff, Marshall	AnAr	204	-
Blom, Rick	Hrfd	201	-
Mudd, Harvey	Mont	186	-
Sanford, Steve	Balt	170	-
Perry, David	AnAr	156	-
Gregoire, John	(NY)	153	-
Harvey, Dave	Carr	150	-

Montgomery County Max = 308

Name	Home	Life	2000
O'Brien, Paul	Mont	285	159
O'Brien, Michael	(NJ)	281	-
Mudd, Harvey	Mont	262	-
Oberman, Lola	Mont	256	-
Mudd, Marion	Mont	250	-
Todd, Mary Ann	Mont	250	-
Saunders, Norman	Mont	236	-
Hilton, Robert	Mont	234	-
Stasz, Jim	Clvt	227	99
Saunders, Frances	Mont	221	-
Bowen, Michael	Mont	219	167
Welch, Michael	Fdrk	218	134
Homan, Dick	Mont	216	-
Mahanres, Hugh	Mont	215	-
Janni, Ottavio	DC	210	-
Blom, Rick	Hrfd	209	-

Montgomery County Max = 308 (cont.)

Rabin, Andy	Mont	209	177
Bowen, Joy	Mont	206	124
Ringler, Bob	Carr	206	-
Swift, Byron	DC	204	-
Schaff, Frank	Fdrk	199	-
Gregoire, John	(NY)	192	-
Sanford, Steve	Balt	189	-
Iliff, Marshall	AnAr	187	-
Davidson, Lynn	AnAr	185	-
Jett, George	Chas	185	-
Barnes, Wain	PGeo	182	-
Nistico, Paul	Chas	177	-
Wlasniewski, Matt	(PA)	175	-
Burley, Rod	PGeo	171	145
Perry, David	AnAr	165	-
Alexander, Burton	Hwrdr	158	-

Prince George's County Max = 317

Name	Home	Life	2000
Gregoire, John	(NY)	261	-
Stasz, Jim	Clvt	261	118
Blom, Rick	Hrfd	237	-
Nistico, Paul	Chas	230	-
Osenton, Peter	AnAr	227	-
Mozurkewich, David	PGeo	223	-
Burley, Rod	PGeo	215	183
Ringler, Bob	Carr	207	-
Iliff, Marshall	AnAr	205	-
Perry, David	AnAr	205	-
Mudd, Harvey	Mont	202	-
Jett, George	Chas	201	-
Shaffer, Fred	AnAr	201	179
Davidson, Lynn	AnAr	199	-
Barnes, Wain	PGeo	189	-
Davis, Phil	AnAr	179	-
Churchill, John	(WV)	177	-
Sanford, Steve	Balt	174	-
Mumford, Dotty	AnAr	170	-

Queen Anne's County Max = 300

Name	Home	Life	2000
Stasz, Jim	Clvt	252	137
Iliff, Marshall	AnAr	224	-
Ringler, Bob	Carr	218	-
Poet, Danny	QuAn	215	178
Blom, Rick	Hrfd	214	-
Mudd, Harvey	Mont	209	-
Gregoire, John	(NY)	188	-
Therres, Glenn	QuAn	185	-
Perry, David	AnAr	183	-
Davidson, Lynn	AnAr	164	-
Mudd, Marion	Mont	163	-
Mumford, Dotty	AnAr	159	-
Sanford, Steve	Balt	158	-

Saint Mary's County Max = 314

Name	Home	Life	2000
Craig, Patty	StMa	302	251
Rambo, Kyle	StMa	300	238
Stasz, Jim	Clvt	260	101
Bell, Tyler	StMa	259	-
Kostenko, Jane	StMa	259	-
Cribb, Martin	StMa	251	-
Jett, George	Chas	231	-
O'Brien, Michael	(NJ)	226	-
Iliff, Marshall	AnAr	222	-
Miller, Greg	(OH)	222	-
Blom, Rick	Hrfd	212	-
Mudd, Harvey	Mont	211	-
Nistico, Paul	Chas	207	-
Ringler, Bob	Carr	207	-
Davidson, Lynn	AnAr	190	-
O'Brien, Paul	Mont	189	-
Gregoire, John	(NY)	188	-
Sanford, Steve	Balt	175	-
Hamilton, Sue	Clvt	167	-

Saint Mary's County Max = 314 (cont.)

Perry, David	AnAr	163	-
Mudd, Marion	Mont	162	-
Hoffman, Mark	Carr	157	-

Somerset County Max = 302

Name	Home	Life	2000
Stasz, Jim	Clvt	270	170
Dyke, Samuel	Wico	250	-
Iliff, Marshall	AnAr	242	-
Armistead, Henry	(PA)	230	-
Ringler, Bob	Carr	223	-
Slaughter, Eddie	Balt	221	-
Vaughn, Charles	Wico	214	-
Hoffman, Mark	Carr	208	-
Vaughn, Gail	Wico	206	-
Gregoire, John	(NY)	204	-
Davidson, Lynn	AnAr	201	-
Blom, Rick	Hrfd	186	-
Mudd, Harvey	Mont	184	-
Sanford, Steve	Balt	174	-
Mumford, Doty	AnAr	173	-
Jett, George	Chas	172	-
Davis, Phil	AnAr	164	-
Harvey, Dave	Carr	159	-
Perry, David	AnAr	159	-
Mudd, Marion	Mont	158	-

Talbot County Max = 311

Name	Home	Life	2000
Kleen, Richard	Tlbt	287	-
Meritt, Don	Tlbt	272	-
Armistead, Henry	(PA)	263	174
Stasz, Jim	Clvt	247	124
Ford, Stephen	Tlbt	239	-
Iliff, Marshall	AnAr	230	-
Armistead, George	(PA)	228	-
Bell, Wayne	Tlbt	225	183
Ringler, Bob	Carr	214	-
O'Brien, Michael	(NJ)	192	-
Mudd, Harvey	Mont	191	-
Blom, Rick	Hrfd	186	-
Roslund, Les	Tlbt	184	-
Sanford, Steve	Balt	180	-
Gregoire, John	(NY)	161	-
Davidson, Lynn	AnAr	160	-
Mumford, Doty	AnAr	159	-
Mudd, Marion	Mont	158	-
Perry, David	AnAr	158	135

Washington County Max = 260

Name	Home	Life	2000
Stasz, Jim	Clvt	216	103
Ringler, Bob	Carr	201	-
Blom, Rick	Hrfd	186	-
Weesner, Dave	Wash	186	-
Iliff, Marshall	AnAr	184	-
Mudd, Harvey	Mont	174	-
Mudd, Marion	Mont	162	-
Sanford, Steve	Balt	157	-
Gregoire, John	(NY)	150	-
Perry, David	AnAr	149	-
Davidson, Lynn	AnAr	148	-
Hoffman, Mark	Carr	137	-
Davis, Phil	AnAr	134	-

Wicomico County Max = 288

Name	Home	Life	2000
Dyke, Samuel	Wico	283	208
Broderick, Donald	Wico	270	187
Broderick, Carol	Wico	267	187
Stasz, Jim	Clvt	237	140
Vaughn, Charles	Wico	225	-
Vaughn, Gail	Wico	225	-
Iliff, Marshall	AnAr	209	-
Ringler, Bob	Carr	200	-
Blom, Rick	Hrfd	189	-

Wicomico County Max = 288 (cont.)

Slaughter, Eddie	Balt	175	-
Mudd, Harvey	Mont	171	-
Gregoire, John	(NY)	164	-
Mudd, Marion	Mont	155	-
Sanford, Steve	Balt	150	-

Worcester County Max = 373

Name	Home	Life	2000
Hoffman, Mark	Carr	348	-
Dyke, Samuel	Wico	342	-
O'Brien, Michael	(NJ)	336	-
Stasz, Jim	Clvt	328	269
O'Brien, Paul	Mont	326	-
Iliff, Marshall	AnAr	320	-
Blom, Rick	Hrfd	317	-
Todd, Mary Ann	Mont	303	-
Ringler, Bob	Carr	296	-
Armistead, Henry	(PA)	281	-
Slaughter, Eddie	Balt	277	-
Gregoire, John	(NY)	275	-
Davidson, Lynn	AnAr	274	-
Jett, George	Chas	271	-
Coskren, Jane	Hwrdr	270	-
Vaughn, Gail	Wico	269	-
Vaughn, Charles	Wico	268	-
Janni, Ottavio	DC	257	-
Meritt, Don	Tlbt	253	-
Hafner, Matt	Hrfd	252	-
Mudd, Harvey	Mont	241	-
Mumford, Doty	AnAr	232	-
Armistead, George	(PA)	228	-
Davis, Phil	AnAr	227	-
Saunders, Frances	Mont	224	-
Saunders, Norman	Mont	224	-
Churchill, John	(WV)	217	203
Harvey, Dave	Carr	216	-
Alexander, Burton	Hwrdr	215	-
Kirschbaum, Elliot	Balt	208	-
Miller, Greg	(OH)	206	-
Sanford, Steve	Balt	205	-
Hamilton, Sue	Clvt	199	-
Walbeck, David	AnAr	192	-

Maryland Yard-Home

Name	Home	Life	2000	Yard	Type
Armistead, Henry	(PA)	260	159	Tlbt	H
Iliff, Marshall	AnAr	209	-	AnAr	H
Stasz, Jim	Clvt	208	-	Clvt	H
Kleen, Richard	Tlbt	201	-	Tlbt	H
Armistead, George	(PA)	199	-	Tlbt	H
Robbins, Chan	PGeo	199	-	PGeo	H
Kirkwood, Dennis	Hrfd	193	-	Hrfd	H
Craig, Patty	StMa	192	133	StMa	H
O'Brien, Michael	(NJ)	180	-	Mont	H
Blom, Rick	Hrfd	173	-	Hrfd	H
Watson-Whitmyre, Marcia	Cecl	169	107	Cecl	H
Ott, Bonnie	Hwrdr	168	122	Hwrdr	H
Broderick, Donald	Wico	166	-	Wico	H
Dyke, Samuel	Wico	165	-	Wico	H
Broderick, Carol	Wico	161	-	Wico	H
O'Brien, Paul	Mont	161	95	Mont	H
Saunders, Norman	Mont	159	80	Mont	H
Roslund, Les	Tlbt	156	121	Tlbt	H
Saunders, Frances	Mont	156	-	Mont	H
Rambo, Kyle	StMa	154	-	StMa	H
Jett, George	Chas	149	-	Chas	H
Zeichner, Helen	Hwrdr	147	-	Hwrdr	H
Nistico, Paul	Chas	144	-	Chas	H
Wortman, John	Hrfd	138	-	Hrfd	H
Solem, Jo	Hwrdr	137	-	Hwrdr	H
Finley, Charles	Fdrk	136	58	Fdrk	H
Wood, Robert	Balt	133	-	Balt	H
Hamilton, Sue	Clvt	132	-	Clvt	H
Ebert, Ward	Hwrdr	129	-	Hwrdr	H
Kerwin, Michael	Hwrdr	126	-	Hwrdr	H
Schindler, Lydia	Mont	124	-	Mont	H

Maryland Yard-Home (cont.)

Bell, Wayne	Tlbt	123	103	Tlbt	H
Ripley, Arlene	Clvt	122	-	Clvt	H
Stirrat, Chuck	Hwrd	122	-	Hwrd	H
Walbeck, David	AnAr	122	-	AnAr	H
Wallace, David	Fdrk	122	96	Fdrk	H
Osenton, Peter	AnAr	121	100	AnAr	H
Parks, Floyd	Kent	121	-	Kent	H
Schaff, Frank	Fdrk	121	-	Fdrk	H
Simonson, Don	Mont	121	-	Mont	H
Poet, Danny	QuAn	120	88	QuAn	H
Barnes, Wain	PGeo	117	-	PGeo	H
Fisher, Leslie	Cecl	117	95	Cecl	H
Ford, Stephen	Tlbt	117	-	Tlbt	H
Griffith, Gary	Cecl	117	-	Cecl	H
Jenkins, Kye	Balt	117	-	Balt	H
Powell, David	Hrfd	117	100	Hrfd	H
Welch, Michael	Fdrk	117	71	Fdrk	H
Webb, Dave	Hrfd	116	104	Hrfd	H
Bell, Tyler	StMa	113	-	StMa	H
Harvey, Dave	Carr	113	76	Carr	H
Kostenko, Jane	StMa	113	-	StMa	H
Swift, Byron	DC	112	-	DC	H
Davis, Phil	AnAr	111	-	AnAr	H
Oberman, Lola	Mont	111	-	Mont	H
Grimm, Phyllis	Balt	110	-	Balt	H
Youth, Howard	Mont	109	-	Mont	H
Millenson, Janet	Mont	107	-	Mont	H
Drier, Kenneth	Cecl	106	-	Cecl	H
Sanford, Steve	Balt	106	-	Balt	H
Miller, Greg	(OH)	104	-	StMa	H
Ringler, Bob	Carr	104	-	Carr	H
Burley, Rod	PGeo	103	90	PGeo	H
Mudd, Harvey	Mont	103	-	Mont	H
Newman, Carol	Hwrd	100	-	Hwrd	H
Newman, Paul S.	Hwrd	100	-	Hwrd	H
Alexander, Burton	Hwrd	99	-	Hwrd	H
Geddes, Shirley	Balt	98	-	Balt	H
Weigant, Leo	AnAr	98	-	AnAr	H
Knobel-Besa, Penny	Algy	96	-	Algy	H
Homan, Dick	Mont	94	-	Mont	H
Reinig, James	AnAr	94	-	AnAr	H
John, Parke	Cecl	86	69	Cecl	H
Therres, Glenn	QuAn	83	-	QuAn	H
Betts, Mary-Jo	Hwrd	82	82	Hwrd	H
Highsaw, Jim	Balt	82	-	Balt	H
Prentice, Linda	Balt	82	-	Balt	H
Haury, Allan	AnAr	80	-	AnAr	H
Hilton, Robert	Mont	77	-	Mont	H
Ecker, Darius	Hwrd	63	-	Hwrd	H
Hartman, Bob	Mont	63	-	Mont	H
Hartman, Toni	Mont	63	-	Mont	H
Patton, Helen	Mont	52	22	Mont	H
Bowser, Bill	Balt	48	-	Balt	H
Bowser, Deb	Balt	48	-	Balt	H

DC Yard

Name	Home	Life	2000	Yard	Type
Janni, Ottavio	DC	114	-	DC	H
Swift, Byron	DC	55	-	DC	H

Maryland Work/Other

Name	Home	Life	2000	Yard	Type
Webb, Dave	Hrfd	220	-	Hrfd	W
Osenton, Peter	AnAr	209	-	PGeo	W
Cribb, Martin	StMa	197	-	StMa	O
Bowen, Michael	Mont	151	-	Hwrd	O
Slaughter, Eddie	Balt	140	-	Balt	O
Farner, David	Hwrd	135	-	AnAr	W
Weesner, Dave	Wash	127	-	Wash	W
Weigant, Leo	AnAr	103	-	AnAr	W
Hamilton, Sue	Clvt	95	-	Clvt	W
Hilton, Robert	Mont	49	-	Mont	W

All-Time High Years

Maryland State Max = 415

Name	Home	Year	Life	%
Hoffman, Mark	Carr	1994	329	79%
Stasz, Jim	Clvt	1999	322	78%

Maryland State Max = 415

O'Brien, Michael	(NJ)	1991	320	77%
Iliff, Marshall	AnAr	2000	320	77%
O'Brien, Michael	(NJ)	1994	317	76%
Stasz, Jim	Clvt	1994	312	75%
Jett, George	Chas	1994	311	75%
Hoffman, Mark	Carr	1992	310	75%
Todd, Mary Ann	Mont	1994	306	74%
Gregoire, John	(NY)	1985	306	74%
Stasz, Jim	Clvt	1992	305	73%
Hoffman, Mark	Carr	1976	304	73%
Coskren, Jane	Hwrd	1994	304	73%
Jett, George	Chas	1992	303	73%
Todd, Mary Ann	Mont	1995	302	73%
Iliff, Marshall	AnAr	1999	302	73%
Stasz, Jim	Clvt	1998	302	73%
O'Brien, Paul	Mont	1991	300	72%
Hafner, Matt	Hrfd	2000	300	72%
O'Brien, Michael	(NJ)	1990	296	71%
Stasz, Jim	Clvt	1997	296	71%
Hoffman, Mark	Carr	1995	294	71%
Perry, David	AnAr	1999	291	70%
O'Brien, Paul	Mont	1988	291	70%

District of Columbia Max = 314

Name	Home	Year	Life	%
Janni, Ottavio	DC	1993	217	69%
Janni, Ottavio	DC	1992	206	66%
Gregoire, John	(NY)	1986	201	64%

All-County Max = 226

Name	Home	Year	Life	%
Stasz, Jim	Clvt	1999	65	29%
Perry, David	AnAr	1999	48	21%
Davis, Phil	AnAr	1995	44	19%

Allegany County Max = 283

Name	Home	Year	Life	%
Churchill, John	(WV)	2000	185	65%
Kiddy, Ray	Algy	1999	182	64%
Kiddy, Ray	Algy	2000	181	64%

Anne Arundel County Max = 331

Name	Home	Year	Life	%
Hoffman, Mark	Carr	1976	233	70%
Hoffman, Mark	Carr	1975	231	70%
Stasz, Jim	Clvt	1992	229	69%

Baltimore City/County Max = 332

Name	Home	Year	Life	%
Blom, Rick	Hrfd	1977	265	80%
Ringler, Bob	Carr	1986	226	68%
Ringler, Bob	Carr	1987	203	61%

Calvert County Max = 301

Name	Home	Year	Life	%
Stasz, Jim	Clvt	1992	233	77%
Stasz, Jim	Clvt	1989	231	77%
Gregoire, John	(NY)	1984	221	73%
Stasz, Jim	Clvt	1991	218	72%
Stasz, Jim	Clvt	1987	212	70%
Stasz, Jim	Clvt	1990	212	70%

Caroline County Max = 289

Name	Home	Year	Life	%
Stasz, Jim	Clvt	1999	183	63%
Perry, David	AnAr	2000	155	54%
Stasz, Jim	Clvt	1992	151	52%

Carroll County Max = 277

Name	Home	Year	Life	%
Ringler, Bob	Carr	1995	204	74%
Ringler, Bob	Carr	1992	201	73%
Ringler, Bob	Carr	1994	199	72%
Ringler, Bob	Carr	1993	198	71%
Ringler, Bob	Carr	1988	195	70%

Cecil County Max = 290				
Name	Home	Year	Life	%
Fisher, Leslie	Cecl	1999	221	76%
Watson-Whitmyre, Marcia	Cecl	1999	221	76%
Griffith, Gary	Cecl	1994	216	74%
Griffith, Gary	Cecl	1996	214	74%
Fisher, Leslie	Cecl	2000	212	73%
Watson-Whitmyre, Marcia	Cecl	1998	212	73%
Griffith, Gary	Cecl	1995	211	73%
Watson-Whitmyre, Marcia	Cecl	1997	204	70%

Charles County Max = 282				
Name	Home	Year	Life	%
Jett, George	Chas	1996	212	75%
Jett, George	Chas	1994	207	73%
Jett, George	Chas	1995	206	73%

Dorchester County Max = 316				
Name	Home	Year	Life	%
Armistead, Henry	(PA)	1967	244	77%
Armistead, Henry	(PA)	2000	219	69%
Armistead, Henry	(PA)	1992	218	69%

Frederick County Max = 288				
Name	Home	Year	Life	%
Miller, Stauffer	(MA)	1993	231	80%
Miller, Stauffer	(MA)	1992	217	75%
Miller, Stauffer	(MA)	1991	215	75%
Miller, Stauffer	(MA)	1990	215	75%

Garrett County Max = 276				
Name	Home	Year	Life	%
Stasz, Jim	Clvt	1999	184	67%
Stasz, Jim	Clvt	2000	172	62%
Churchill, John	(WV)	2000	168	61%

Harford County Max = 297				
Name	Home	Year	Life	%
Blom, Rick	Hrfd	1999	255	86%
Webb, Dave	Hrfd	1995	224	75%
Webb, Dave	Hrfd	1994	221	74%
Hafner, Matt	Hrfd	2000	217	73%
Hafner, Matt	Hrfd	1999	216	73%
Wortman, John	Hrfd	1995	209	70%
Powell, David	Hrfd	2000	209	70%
Webb, Dave	Hrfd	1993	208	70%
Webb, Dave	Hrfd	1998	208	70%
Webb, Dave	Hrfd	1999	208	70%

Howard County Max = 293				
Name	Home	Year	Life	%
Ott, Bonnie	Hwrd	1994	221	75%
Solem, Jo	Hwrd	1994	220	75%
Magnusson, Nancy	Hwrd	1990	210	72%
Coskren, Jane	Hwrd	1990	209	71%
Coskren, Jane	Hwrd	1994	209	71%
Solem, Jo	Hwrd	1989	207	71%

Kent County Max = 300				
Name	Home	Year	Life	%
Stasz, Jim	Clvt	1999	157	52%
Stasz, Jim	Clvt	1992	150	50%
Perry, David	AnAr	1999	140	47%

Montgomery County Max = 308				
Name	Home	Year	Life	%
O'Brien, Paul	Mont	1991	229	74%
O'Brien, Michael	(NJ)	1991	221	72%
O'Brien, Paul	Mont	1990	214	69%

Prince George's County Max = 317				
Name	Home	Year	Life	%
Gregoire, John	(NY)	1984	243	77%
Gregoire, John	(NY)	1985	238	75%
Gregoire, John	(NY)	1986	212	67%

Queen Anne's County Max = 300				
Name	Home	Year	Life	%
Stasz, Jim	Clvt	1999	188	63%
Poet, Danny	QuAn	2000	178	59%
Poet, Danny	QuAn	1999	167	56%

Saint Mary's County Max = 314				
Name	Home	Year	Life	%
Craig, Patty	StMa	1996	258	82%
Rambo, Kyle	StMa	1996	254	81%
Cribb, Martin	StMa	1996	251	80%
Craig, Patty	StMa	2000	251	80%
Craig, Patty	StMa	1999	251	80%
Craig, Patty	StMa	1998	249	79%
Craig, Patty	StMa	1997	242	77%
Rambo, Kyle	StMa	2000	238	76%
Craig, Patty	StMa	1995	236	75%
Rambo, Kyle	StMa	1999	236	75%
Rambo, Kyle	StMa	1998	232	74%
Craig, Patty	StMa	1994	228	73%
Rambo, Kyle	StMa	1995	222	71%
Rambo, Kyle	StMa	1997	220	70%

Somerset County Max = 302				
Name	Home	Year	Life	%
Stasz, Jim	Clvt	1982	245	81%
Stasz, Jim	Clvt	1999	189	63%
Stasz, Jim	Clvt	1992	173	57%

Talbot County Max = 311				
Name	Home	Year	Life	%
Bell, Wayne	Tlbt	2000	183	59%
Bell, Wayne	Tlbt	1999	178	57%
O'Brien, Michael	(NJ)	1990	175	56%

Washington County Max = 260				
Name	Home	Year	Life	%
Weesner, Dave	Wash	1998	170	65%
Stasz, Jim	Clvt	1999	153	59%
Stasz, Jim	Clvt	1992	151	58%

Wicomico County Max = 288				
Name	Home	Year	Life	%
Dyke, Samuel	Wico	2000	208	72%
Dyke, Samuel	Wico	1998	200	69%
Dyke, Samuel	Wico	1999	198	69%

Worcester County Max = 373				
Name	Home	Year	Life	%
Hoffman, Mark	Carr	1994	303	81%
Hoffman, Mark	Carr	1992	300	80%
O'Brien, Michael	(NJ)	1994	298	80%
O'Brien, Michael	(NJ)	1995	295	79%
O'Brien, Michael	(NJ)	1991	284	76%
Stasz, Jim	Clvt	2000	269	72%
Hoffman, Mark	Carr	1991	264	71%
Coskren, Jane	Hwrd	1994	263	71%

All-County Max = 226				
Name	Home	Life	2000	
Stasz, Jim	Clvt	154	12	
Iliff, Marshall	AnAr	117	-	
Ringler, Bob	Carr	107	-	
Blom, Rick	Hrfd	99	-	
Sanford, Steve	Balt	88	-	
Mudd, Harvey	Mont	80	-	
Davis, Phil	AnAr	63	-	
Harvey, Dave	Carr	62	-	
Perry, David	AnAr	60	-	
Gregoire, John	(NY)	54	-	
Jett, George	Chas	49	-	
Mumford, Dotty	AnAr	41	-	
Davidson, Lynn	AnAr	40	-	
Walbeck, David	AnAr	38	-	
Nistico, Paul	Chas	34	-	
Mudd, Marion	Mont	33	-	
Churchill, John	(WV)	29	25	
Saunders, Frances	Mont	28	-	
Saunders, Norman	Mont	28	-	
Alexander, Burton	Hwrd	24	-	
Hamilton, Sue	Clvt	22	-	
Patton, Helen	Mont	5	5	
Powell, David	Hrfd	4	-	

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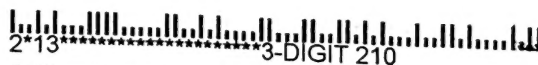
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